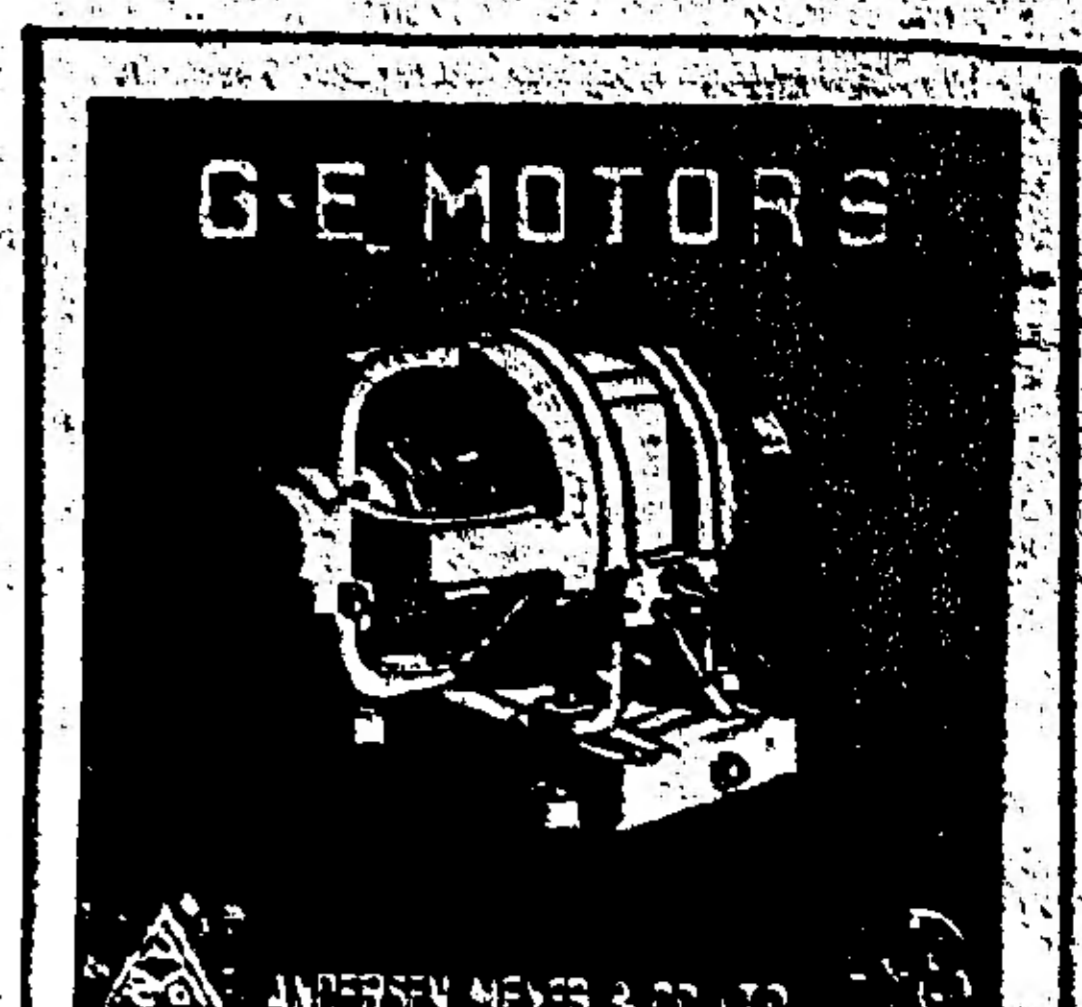




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GIANT AIRSHIP IN FLAMES.

R38 EXPLODES OVER HULL

Falls into Humber: City's Narrow Escape.

(Reuter's Service.)

The Airship R38 exploded over Hull and fell in flames into the river.

Later.
The airship R38, renamed the Z1, was cruising in fine style over the city of Hull at 3.45 p.m. when it was suddenly to break in twain. There were instantly two terrific explosions, and the huge craft burst into flames and fell a wreck into the River Humber. Thousands of people in the city, who awestricken, watched the terrible calamity, were stupified by the awful explosions, and scattered in all directions for shelter in fear of the falling wreckage, which barely escaped striking the Victoria Pier. The burning parts belched forth dense columns of blue smoke extending hundreds of feet along the top of the warehouses in the city.

Tugs and all other available craft went out to the wreckage, and ambulances conveyed the injured crew as they were landed to the infirmary. Two dead bodies were found in the water at 6.20. Eye-witnesses declare that at least four men were seen to descend by parachutes, one carrying three men.

The explosions wrecked many shop fronts. The death-roll is not yet known. The captain of the vessel was rescued.

Survivor's Story.

A survivor named Bateman said that he was in the tail-end of the vessel taking photographs when the ship took a sharp turn to the right from the centre of the city towards the Humber and one of the main girders of the ship failed to take the strain.

The onlookers below then saw a huge cloud of black smoke burst in the rear of the airship, followed by a terrific explosion. The vessel's back appeared to be broken, and it looked as if the monster would fall in flames over the city, but a turn towards the Humber carried the flaming mass into the river. Bateman hung on to the tail-end and alighted in the water where he was rescued by a tug.

There were 47 aboard the airship, including twenty American passengers, and at present it is believed that there are only six survivors.

Commander's Skill Averts Danger to City.

Commander Wann was badly injured. It is stated that it was his skillful navigation when he realised the danger which averted the falling of the airship into the centre of the city, which would have caused a far more terrible disaster.

Distinguished British Officer Reported to Have Perished.

Brigadier General Edward Maitland, who was aboard, evidently perished. He went on the R38 on a trans-Atlantic flight in 1919. A survivor declares that the airship was carrying out rudder tests at the time of the disaster.

Brigadier General Edward Maitland, D.S.O., born 1880, had experience in pioneer military and naval aviation. In 1914 he was a Wing Commander, R.N., and in 1915 Wing Captain, R.N. On the formation of the R.A., he was appointed Brigadier-General. In the early stages of the war this distinguished officer served with the Expeditionary Force in Belgium with observation balloons co-operating with the British Fleet.

Caught in Storms after Admirable Behaviour in Tests.

Americans had purchased the R38. It behaved so admirably in the test voyage from Howden (Yorkshire) yesterday that the captain continued the cruise, and was expected at Pulham (Norfolk) late this evening. Storms accompanied the voyagers, and there was a terrific thunderstorm early this morning. The tests were most successful and a wireless message later intimated that the captain was staying aloft until the clouds lifted.

The Aerial Pride of the World.

It transpires that the R38 was purchased by the United States Government, and that the Americans aboard were officers and men of the United States Navy, who were being trained with a view to navigating the airship across the Atlantic with the tests. The Admiralty designed the ill-fated airship, which is the largest of the rigid type that has been constructed in Britain. She was intended to be the pioneer of her class but the construction of the others has been cancelled. The airship's length was 605 ft., diameter 85 ft., and lifting capacity 83 tons, and she carried six Sunbeam Cossack engines, each of 350 h.p. The normal crew was thirty. The gas capacity was 300,000 cubic feet, this being larger than the biggest Zeppelin, and the cruising capacity was 6,500 miles. The R38 was regarded as the aerial pride of the world. She had been aloft at the time of the disaster 35 hours.

REDUCTION IN AGRICULTURAL WAGES.

To be Enforced Next Month.

London, August 24.
The Agricultural Wages Board has decided to make orders enforcing the revisions of wages mentioned in the cable of July 22 from September 5.

[The cable referred to stated: The Agricultural Wages Board, at which the farmers and workers were represented, decided to issue forthwith a statutory notice of a proposal to reduce the minimum rate of wages in the case of adult male workers six shillings weekly, others proportionately, provided that the minimum for adult males is nowhere under 42s. Six hundred thousand workers are affected.]

AUSTRALIANS PLAY SOMERSET.

Two Centuries by Visitors.

London, August 24.
At Taunton in dull weather before six thousand spectators the Australians, batting on an excellent wicket, scored 331. Collins would 101 including twelve fours, but gave four chances. Ryder scored 124 not out, including seven fours, without giving a chance.

SOUTH WALES IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

Ebbw Vale Works Reopening.

London, August 24.
Ebbw Vale Steel and Iron Works, closed six months ago, having eight thousand idle, is restarting immediately. Everything points to a period of prosperity.

RUSSIA'S APPALLING FLIGHT.

Returned Englishman Describes Conditions at Astrakhan.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 24.

An Englishman many years resident at Astrakhan arrived in London to-day after several months' journey from that place, shown the *Sivnaka Doglad's* message cabled yesterday, said the burning of Astrakhan was not at all improbable. The situation in Russia was unrealistic to outsiders, and the outlook was worsening daily. Peasants have ceased to cultivate the soil, and the scarcity in the grain areas is greater even than in Moscow, which is a paradise compared with Astrakhan, Nijni-Novgorod, and other big towns. The narrator's family lived for months on herrings and a half-pound bread ration, which cost two thousand roubles.

The outbreak of cholera was not surprising when children searched the streets for offal and regarded decaying herring as a prize. The narrators salary of seventy thousand roubles monthly was just sufficient to secure a fortnight's milk supply for one child daily. The prayer of millions was "When are the English coming?"

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Col. House Supports Quadruple Treaty Idea.

London, August 23.

A message from Colonel House, sent from London and published in Philadelphia, as regards the Washington conference says: However much Britain and her Dominions sympathise with the general attitude of the United States regarding the Asiatic and Pacific problems, the consensus of views at the Imperial conference favoured a renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, the only alternative possible being something in the nature of a triple treaty between Britain, the United States, and Japan.

Col. House thinks the invitation extended to China a move in the right direction, and adds: "If it should develop that a treaty between the Pacific Powers is advisable, by all means let it be a quadruple treaty."

DIRECT ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN WIRELESS SERVICE.

Mr. Marconi Indicates Remarkable Prospect.

London, August 24.

An optimistic account of wireless possibilities in the near future was given by Mr. Marconi to-day at the annual meeting of the famous company with which he is identified. As the result of recent tests which Mr. Marconi personally conducted in the yacht *Elektra*, he hopes that atmospheric difficulties have been almost mastered. He hoped shortly to create telephonic services in several foreign countries subject to arrangements with the Post Office, also to create a direct wireless service from Britain to Australia, after which the question of providing Mr. Hughes with telephonic means of communicating with London presented little difficulty.

OIL IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES.

Producers Seek Abolition of Export Taxes.

The Hague, August 24.

The directors of the Batavia Oil Company, in a letter to the Minister for the Colonies, recently request him to do his utmost to abolish the export taxes on oil products and to prevent the imposition of other taxes on oil from the Dutch East Indies. They request that any further taxes should be imposed on the profits of the industry, and that all industries be placed on the same footing in this respect.

UPPER SILESIA.

President of L. o. N. Council to Prepare Report Himself.

Paris, August 24.

Baron Ishii (President of the Council of the League of Nations) has decided to himself present a report on Upper Silesia to the League of Nations. [Originally the report was entrusted to Count de Leon, the Spanish Ambassador at Paris, who declined the task for reasons published yesterday.]

DEATH OF SIR SAM HUGHES.

Man who Raised the Canadian Contingents.

Lindsay (Ont.), August 24.

The death is announced of Sir Sam Hughes. [The Hon. Sir Sam Hughes, born 1853, who was an honorary lieutenant-general, will be remembered as the Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence during the first two years of the war, in which capacity he played a prominent part in raising the Canadian contingents.]

THE OUTBREAK IN MOROCCO.

Tribesmen Suffer Heavily.

Madrid, August 24.

A message from Melilla states that a Spanish force of ten thousand infantry and thirteen batteries of artillery, with cavalry, supported by aeroplanes, tanks, and armoured cars, encountered eight thousand tribesmen. The latter suffered severely. Operations are actively continuing.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Copenhagen, Aug. 24.

The Danish representatives to the forthcoming Assembly of the League will be M. Zahle, Minister at Stockholm and Dr. Moltesen and M. Munch, members of the Folketing.

DISPUTED TERRITORY.

Washington, Aug. 22.

The Foreign Minister of Panama later informed the State Department that Panama would not resist Costa Rica's occupation of the disputed territory.

NEW ZEALAND'S PREMIER HONOURED.

London, Aug. 24.

The French Ambassador has conferred the Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor on Premier Massey.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE PERLIS DISASTER.

Singapore, Aug. 24.

A Siamese steamer reports having picked up three survivors of the s.s. Perlis which foundered. Several others have reached Batu Pahru and the total number saved is now eighteen.

The captain of the Perlis, who was one of a party of eight picked up by a boat near Parabara, died from exposure shortly after being landed at Kuala Bahrui.

SON OF COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Singapore, Aug. 24.
Announcement is made of the birth of a son to the wife of the Hon. Mr. James, Colonial Secretary.

ANOTHER K.C.C. CONCERT.

Supper Gardens and Jazz Bands.

Who is the fairy god-mother of K.C.C.? We know they have a first-rate concert sub-committee but there is someone behind the scenes with a wand; or someone who should have a wand and play the role of the good fairy god-mother. Concerts come and concerts go at the K.C.C. and each time we have a delightful change of programme, and the audience becomes more numerous.

For the concert on Saturday evening a variety programme has been arranged which should prove more attractive than ever. Among the contributors are two lady vocalists who will appear for the first time in Hongkong on a concert platform. They are singers of a high order, but you will not know them until you see them on Saturday evening. There will also be Madame Anita the danseuse, who despite the hot weather will charm the audience with her exhibitions of the latest in light fantasia on a marble-topped pedestal. In addition there will be several vocal and instrumental trios and comedy duos. Yet listen—for the first time we shall be entertained with the K.C.C. Jazz Band, the members of which have been trained by two well-known local musicians. The latest report from the Jazz-band camp is that they are going very strong and patrons may look out for thrills. The "jazz"—he who plays drums, cymbals, whistles, bones etc.—will be a revelation. He has been the particular care of the trainers who have now brought him to such a state of perfection that they fear for his physical well-being when he makes his initial bow—and row.

As is usual with K.C.C. concerts the refreshment department has received special consideration and "James" will be springing a surprise on you this time. His artistic temperament has soared beyond a common-or-garden layout and on Saturday we are to have an illuminated supper garden—not that it is necessary to see what you are eating, that is always safe and guaranteed—but the before-mentioned individual and his merry men have developed continental ideas and they are giving them a trial. The supper garden is bound to make a big hit and when it is stated that the waiters are being specially trained to "make it snappy" in other words to deliver the goods with promptitude—a good time is assured.

The charge for admission will be the customary nominal one of one dollar; but the evening's programme will be even more attractive than usual.—Contributed.

HONOUR FOR POPULAR SONG WRITER.

Mr. Herman Darewski has been admitted to the Freedom of the City and elected a Liverman of the Gold and Silver Wire-Drawers Company.

RELEASE DEMANDED.

British Consul at Canton Takes Action.

Our Canton correspondent confirms the story we published on Thursday last regarding the arrest in Canton of Mr. Chan Shu-han, a well-known Hongkong businessman and owner of the s.s. Hongkong (of the Pak Hong S.S. Co.).

It will be remembered that Mr. Chan was induced to go to Canton on a false report and that he was there seized and thrown into prison on the action of a certain military official. It was known that orders had been given for Mr. Chan to be shot, but friends communicated the story of his plight to the British Consul General, who intervened. The conditions of the man's imprisonment were improved, though he has been held in custody ever since. His friends in Hongkong are still in ignorance of the reason for the sudden arrest.

Our correspondent now learns that the British Consul General has made a strong demand for the release of Mr. Chan within 48 hours, on the ground that Chan is a British subject.

WARDER IN TROUBLE.

Absent From Duty.

William Charles Bings, a warder of the Victoria Gaol was charged before Mr. R. F. Lindell at the Police Court this morning with absenting himself from duty on the 24th instant.

The defendant on the 21st of June last entered into an agreement for service as a warder for a period of five years.

Mr. Passmore, Chief Warder, appearing before his Worship, said he held instructions from the superintendent of the gaol to ask for a withdrawal of the charge, as it was intended that the defendant be dealt with departmentally.

WHAT THEY WANT.

Chinese Students as Politicians.

At a meeting of the National Students' Union, it was decided upon that the following questions should be settled at the coming Pacific Conference.

1. The abrogation of the 21 demands and other secret treaties entered into with Japan.
2. That Tsingtao and other concessions in Shantung formerly enjoyed by Germany should be unconditionally returned to China.
3. The cancellation of Japanese "special sphere of influence" in Manchuria Mongolia and Fukien.
4. Opposition to the terms and articles contained in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance that are detrimental to the sovereignty of China if the Alliance is renewed.

5. All powers having interest in the Orient should not enter into any agreement at the Pacific Conference whereby China's sovereign rights are endangered.
6. All powers should practice disarmament.
7. The abolition of consular jurisdiction and foreign postal rights in China.
8. To ask the powers to recognize Korea as an independent nation.
9. The return of Custom supervision to China.
10. The abrogation of all prejudicial treatment of Chinese in all countries.
11. To petition the powers for the return of the Poxer Indemnity to China for educational purposes.

The foregoing decisions arrived at by the National Students' Union will be sent out to all the provincial students' unions and provinces for approval prior to the Conference to introduce them at the Pacific Conference.—Canton Times.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Mr. Bih of Paris, who has lately come in for criticism, is by no means the only caricaturist whose victims have thought that the strong arm of the law ought to protect them. Sir Francis Gould had a similar experience at Barnstaple in the days of his youth. He caricatured the local gaoler, and the gaoler laid his complaint before the mayor. "Mr. Mayor," he said "that young Mr. Gould he's been a caricaturing of me. He's drawn a picture of me, making me like a Christmas pig, with an orange to my mouth. I don't hold with it, Mr. Mayor, and I think he ought to be locked up." In that case, however, the mayor poured oil on the troubled waters, and the caricaturist remained at large.

Now that health and holiday resorts are legally permitted to advertise themselves in England some of the really enterprising towns might do worse than commission a popular novelist to write them up, suggests a writer in a Home Journal. Thackeray's novels undoubtedly did much to revive the glories of Brighton, as certainly as "David Copperfield" and "Bleak House" did much to draw visitors to Yarmouth and Broadstairs. Tourists have followed "Lorna Doone" to Exmoor and Ilfracombe, and "Cecily's" Combe Martin, and the district received invaluable advertisement in the pages of "Westward Ho" and "The Magnificent Atom." How many people have scored Wessex and Dartmoor after reading Hardy and Edm. Phillips. It would be impossible to calculate, and it is a historic fact that Scott "made" the Highlands from the hotelkeepers' point of view.

Every day a thousand complaining letters are received and dealt with at the headquarters of the General Post Office, London. Not unnaturally, among so large a number of "grumbles" there are many of frivolous nature. For example, a little while ago a woman wrote expressing her disgust at the fact that the postman who delivered her letters was engaged to a woman twice his own age, and requesting that he should be asked to break off the engagement or dismissed. Another woman complained that her nearest letter-box stood in what she termed "a highly objectionable street," and asked that it should be moved or a new one erected elsewhere. It was a woman, too who wrote stating that although she had frequently invited the local postman into her house to partake of a cup of cocoa on cold mornings, he had always refused, with the result that she felt compelled to report him for incivility.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

On the occasion of the opening of the new club house at Happy Valley (not Farling as we inadvertently stated yesterday) several competitions for ladies and gentlemen will take place next Sunday.

The World Theatre advertise special Matinees for Children—Page 4.

The Holland Pacific Trading Coy give a list on Page 4 of the factories supplying their stock of Havana Cigars.

Anyone seen a Japanese Spaniel about?—Page 4.

There will be a Land Sale at the P.W.D. on August 29.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2s. 8½d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—29.71. Temperature—76. Humidity—81.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day, 6.45 p.m.

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CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

A Prehistoric City Revealed by Earthquake in Kansu.

Sir,—According to the Official Report of the Civil Governor of Kansu Province (North China), the recent terrible earthquake, which affected the whole province, has done incalculable damage to cities and villages, and destroyed about 400,000 of the inhabitants. Mountains have collapsed and disappeared in the bowels of the earth, and the surface of the land has undergone a wondrous change. At Tong Chuan immense abysses have opened in the earth, and fire and smoke, and black and red streams of water are gushing from numerous fissures, which disfigure the surface of the land.

But, most marvellous to relate, a mountain in the Nan Hsiang District has completely disappeared from view, and five li from Pa Shan, a wonderful prehistoric City, covering an area of over 300' square, has suddenly emerged from the loose deposit of the plain. The inner walls of this upheaved city are about forty feet high and the outer walls about seventy feet high. Forts command the unbattlemented walls on all sides, and they appear to be in perfect condition. I am now greatly interested to know what this City contains, and I am confident that future excavations will result in archaeological discoveries, which will astonish the world. I am intensely gratified to know that my finding and conviction, that great Antediluvian cities and monuments are buried deep in the extensive loess deposits of the different provinces of the Yellow River Valley District of China, has so soon been verified and confirmed by this wonderful Act of God; and perhaps the following letter, which I addressed to the Chinese Scientific Association of Peking on the 5th August 1921, will be of interest to your readers.

To The Hon. Secretary, The Chinese Scientific Association, Peking, China.
Dear Sir,—I have the honour to present your Association with the undermentioned books and supplementary pamphlets, which record my discoveries and findings of the year 1914, and I hope you will be pleased to translate them into Chinese for the information of the Citizens of the Great Chinese Republic.

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Fallacy of the four "Great Ice Ages."
The Origin and Age of Ancient Human Bones of Mexico.
Solution of "The Dark Mystery of The East."
No doubt you will be pleased to know that all my books and pamphlets have been most cordially welcomed by the great Universities, and Scientific and Geographical Societies of the World.

I sincerely hope that your Association will cooperate with the Scientific Expedition, which has been despatched to the Central Asian Plateau by the American Asiatic Society under the leadership of Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, and that your united labours and researches in Chinese Turkestan, the Tien Shan District, Mongolia, and the provinces of the Whang Ho Liver Basin, will confirm the truth of my discoveries.

I also hope that the Chinese Government will carefully watch and superintend the excavations in Chinese Turkestan, the Tien Shan District, Mongolia, and the extensive Loess area of the Whang Ho River Valley, where I am positively certain great Prehistoric (Antediluvian) Cities and monuments lie buried under the Loess deposits.

THE LATE DR. GOMES

The Funeral.

The funeral of the late Dr. Antonio Simplicio Gomes, of No. 3 Austin Avenue, Kowloon, whose death occurred on Tuesday morning, was held yesterday evening.

As already reported the deceased gentleman was well-known for his generous benefactions to deserving institutions in Hongkong and Macao. In addition to those mentioned in yesterday's issue, he made substantial contributions to the Santa Casa, controlled by the Government of Macao, for the enlargement of the Orphanage of the Immaculate Conception, which is under the charge of the Ciesian Fathers, for improvements to the operating theatre of St. Raphael's Hospital, Macao, to the St. Anthony's Orphanage at West Point, and to several institutions in Portuguese India.

The late Dr. Gomes made several visits to Europe. The first occasion was when he left Bombay to complete his medical studies in London and Edinburgh. He returned in 1897, started in practice in Hongkong and retired in 1910. On the second occasion, when he took his son to Europe for his education, the Portuguese community of the Colony presented him with an address in recognition of his many valued services, at the Club Lusitano. The deceased was a very old member of the Club Lusitano and also of the Club de Recreio.

He was decorated by the Government of Macao with the knighthood of the order of Christ in recognition of conspicuous services rendered to the Portuguese community and he also received the knighthood of the order of St. Gregory from the Pope.

The body was removed to the Rosary Church at Kowloon where a Requiem Mass was held yesterday morning. The Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni was present and the Mass was said by the Rev. Father Spada.

A large number of the friends of the deceased attended his funeral, among them being Col. Garcia, of Macao, (retired), Captain E. C. Lourenco, Chev. J. M. Alves, Professor E. Danenberg, Dr. F. M. G. Ovario, Messrs F. X. d'Almada, J. D. Osmond, A. G. da Rocha, U. A. Yanovich, E. A. Danenberg, C. A. Rosa, A. F. B. Silva-Netto, E. H. Aquino, A. P. Guterres, B. H. Botelho, F. H. Barnes, E. V. M. R. de Sousa, A. D. Barreto, V. F. Soares, R. Assumpcao and Mr. J. T. d'Almada Castro. The chief mourners were Miss Gomes and Master Gomes, grandchildren of the deceased, and the immediate relatives who were present were several members of the Figueiredo who are nephews of the late Dr. Gomes. The coffin was conveyed in a hearse to the Catholic cemetery, where prior to the interment, a short service was held by his Lordship Bishop Pozzoni, assisted by other dignitaries of the Catholic Mission as well as a number of Silesian father who have specially come over from Macao for the occasion. Among the attendance were the pupils of St. Lewis Industrial School, a party of girls and sisters from the Italian convent, and representatives of various catholic associations and institutions which the deceased had financially helped.

Among the wreaths received were those from the following: Grandchildren, Daughter-in-law, Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp and Mr. Kemp, Chev. J. M. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. d'Almada Castro, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. d'Almada, Mr. A. B. Abbas, Messrs Benjamin and Potts, Miss M. Flint and M. Mandin, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. de Figueiredo, Miss Ena M. Forsyth, Mr. F. M. P. Gomes, Mr. J. E. Gomes, Mr. H. Hyndman, Capitola Hyndman de Gracia, E. Jose Athanasio de Gracia, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. de Gracia, V. Jorge, M. P. P. Lourenco, Messrs Lammert Bros., Mr. G. R. Lammert and Mr. H. A. Lammert, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Gracia Ovario, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Osmond, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osmond, Mr. George V. Osmond, Mrs. T. M. L. Pereira, Mr. J. M. Pereira, Mr. R. Pestozzi, Mr. V. F. V. Ribeiro, and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. B. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. P. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. B. Silva Netto.

With heartfelt greetings and best wishes.—Yours sincerely,
(Sd) The Tsan Tai.
Hoping that The Chinese Scientific Association will immediately send an expedition to Kansu Province to thoroughly explore the Ancient City and its surroundings, and thanking you for the insertion of this letter.—Yours truly,
The Tsan Tai,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1921.

FIRST IT'S A SCARF—THEN A SWEATER!



That things are seldom what they seem is shown by the scarf-sweater. When you see a smartly dressed girl in a transparent blouse and attractive wash satin skirt flaring forth indifferent to an approaching drop in the temperature—don't worry. That insignificant looking scarf thrown carelessly over her arm is a

sweater in disguise. If you look at the three accompanying pictures you will understand. First the scarf is opened revealing two kimono

sleeves. The girl thrusts her arm into the right sleeve (left) and pulls the scarf around her (figure on right) like a sash. It is then carried around the back to the left shoulder (centre figure). In vivid colours, green, coral, yellow, this summer sweater is an invaluable part of a woman's outfit.

RENTS CASE.

Ejectment Order Application.

In the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Wood yesterday afternoon the case was continued in which the Tai Fung Firm brought an action against the Fook Tung Firm for the possession of a house and premises, 93, Connaught Road Central. Defendants held the premises for plaintiffs for a term of one month which expired on July 2nd and plaintiffs claimed that defendants now wrongfully held possession and claimed the mesne profits of the premises from July 3rd until possession was delivered up.

At the conclusion of the plaintiffs' case, Mr. Alabaster submitted that there was no case for him to answer. On the case, as presented, defendants were protected by section 4 of the Rent Ordinance. The plaintiffs had not brought themselves within any of the provisions of that section. Another point was that the Ordinance took away some of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Court. It took away the retrospective part of the individual's natural right to contract. It was therefore futile for his friend to argue, as he did on the first of his four points, that apart from the Rents Ordinance so-and-so applied. He brought in Smith's leading case, "I do not care if he brings in the whole library" Mr. Alabaster exclaimed. "If his argument was apart from the Rents Ordinance you must infer certain things."

The Judge: He only did so for a certain purpose. He did so to show that the tenant had agreed in writing to quit. That is an act independent of the Ordinance and for that purpose he quoted this case.

Mr. Alabaster: I contend you cannot ignore this Ordinance at all. Such an agreement must be made and interpreted and governed by this Ordinance.

Proceeding, Mr. Alabaster pointed out that the object of the Ordinance was to protect the person in possession so long as he paid the standard rent. Even at the end of the tenancy, even if there was no tenancy at all, failure to deliver up possession was not regarded as one of the implied

terms of the tenancy under the Ordinance. The Ordinance created a new type of tenancy which had been described by certain judges as statutory tenancies. A statutory tenancy was not subject to the obligation to deliver up at the expiry of the old term. Mr. Alabaster quoted a case dealing with this point. He claimed that the whole object of the Ordinance was to protect such persons as his clients against such persons as Mr. Jenkins's clients. The Ordinance aimed at prohibiting a person who between December of last year and July of this year obtained possession of premises from the over-lord by offering a higher rent because he hoped to recoup himself by so doing. The Ordinance attacked him by making its provisions retrospective.

Mr. Alabaster was proceeding to argue on the question of notice to quit, when the Judge interposed with the remark "Mr. Jenkins's point is that your people volunteered to go."

Mr. Alabaster replied that Mr. Jenkins having opened his case by saying that prior to the date of the letter the defendants received a notice to quit, he could not say that they volunteered to go. It could only be on the assumption that having had notice to quit they accepted the possession. The defendants' letter was written on the assumption that they had received a valid notice to quit. How then could Mr. Jenkins say that the letter was a voluntary abdication of spirits not engendered by any notice to quit? It was impossible to conceive that they would voluntarily desire to enter into other premises which were less convenient and more expensive except that they thought they had received a valid notice.

Mr. Alabaster further contended that the plaintiffs had failed to show that they would be seriously prejudiced if they did not obtain possession. They merely wanted the premises to carry on a business which had never been fairly started and to turn out a much older firm with a much larger staff.

The Judge: I think a certain amount of prejudice has been proved.

Mr. Alabaster: A very tiny amount; not sufficient to come within the words "seriously prejudiced."

PODOLSKY COMING.

Next Month's Recitals With Anna El-Tour.

Mr. Leo Podolsky, the eminent Russian pianist, will commence recitals in Hongkong next month. He will be accompanied by Miss Anna El-Tour, a stranger to Hongkong.

Miss Anna El-Tour began her musical studies at the age of seven. Although a student of piano at the Conservatory of St. Petersburg (in the class of the famous Annette Esripoff) she took lessons also in voice and her examinations constituted an unusual event at the Conservatory in that she graduated both in voice and piano. This uncommon achievement won immediate attention, resulting in an invitation to London. Her first appearance was at a concert at Queen's Hall, under the leadership of Arthur Nikish. A recital at the Bechstein Hall followed. After various concerts in the largest towns of Germany she received an offer to tour England in the company of the famous violinist, Jan Kubelik. The schedule included 18 cities, among them London, Plymouth, Bradford, etc. The outbreak of the war found her touring Russia with Sergius Kussewitzky, after which she was invited to remain as singing professor at the Philharmonic of Moscow—a position very rarely attained at her age.

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satisfy the Court that the accommodation was equivalent. The Judge intimated that he thought the plaintiffs had satisfied him upon that point.

Mr. Alabaster asked that a note might be made in the event of it being necessary to appeal upon that point.

Mr. Alabaster then opened his case and proceeded to call evidence.

The case will be proceeded with this morning.

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THE THEATRE MURDER.

Evidence Of Arrest.

STRUGGLE WITH DETECTIVE.
An unusually big crowd gathered at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon to watch the trial of Yeung Ko on a charge of murdering Li Siu-fan, a clown of the Chow Fung Nin troupe, who was shot while performing at the Wo Ping theatre on the evening of the 16th inst. Only a limited number managed to secure admittance, however; the remainder being refused entrance on account of lack of accommodation. Some of them remained behind the locked gate of the Magistracy building and did not disperse until they heard the result.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the case for the Crown. Mr. D. J. Lewis defended and Mr. A. E. Hall watched the proceedings in the interests of the family of the deceased.

The witnesses called included a watchman of the Wo Ping theatre who stated that, after hearing the report of a firearm at 8.30 p.m. on the 16th, he saw a man mounting the steps of the last exit on the west side of the Theatre. He had a white coat on his forearm. The man was dressed in a black coat and what appeared to be black trousers. He was pursued by a fat man (a detective), and passed him one pace from where witness was standing. He could not identify the man pursued, as he was panic-stricken at the time.

Shin Chuan, a detective, said he was walking down the western gangway, of the theatre when the sound of a "bang" arrested his attention. He then saw a man wearing a long white coat in front of the stage holding something black in his right hand from which smoke was rising. When Li Siu-fan collapsed on the stage the man in the white coat ran towards the last exit on the west side. His left hand was tucked up the back of his long coat which was unbuttoned. He then saw the man's face. It was defendant. Witness made an attempt to intercept him, but he was impeded by two persons in the gangway with the result that defendant had ascended the steps when witness arrived at the exit. Defendant directed himself of his long coat in the doorway and discarded it near a gutter in the small lane by the side of the Theatre. Witness was then eight or ten feet behind.

The coat fell on the ground with a thud. When defendant climbed over a bamboo fence at the seaside end of the lane witness's hand reached one of his legs, but failed to grab it. Pushing aside the fence, he continued the chase and on the way blew his whistle and drew out his revolver. At the entrance to Shuman Street defendant collided with a man and witness put his arm round his neck and pressed him to the ground. A struggle ensued. A fellow detective came to his assistance and defendant was overpowered. The detective added that he asked defendant "Where is your pistol?" and, turning his head towards the east with a nod in that direction, the latter replied "Over there."

Mr. Lewis objected to this evidence, which he said was inadmissible.

His Worship said he would note down the objection and admitted the evidence.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

A TAIKOO EVENT.

Launch of the s.s. "Kwangtung."

Yesterday there was launched at noon from the Taikoo Dockyard the steel screw steamer Kwangtung, a finely modelled vessel of the following dimensions; length, 321 feet; beam, 41 feet; depth moulded, 23 feet, and having a gross tonnage of about 2,500 tons.

The launching was in every way successful. On Mrs. Stephen pressing the switch and breaking the bottle of champagne on the bows, the ship immediately glided smoothly down the ways to the water.

Mr. Edkins, Hongkong Manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, thereupon asked those present to join him in wishing a prosperous career to the Kwangtung and continued prosperity to the China Navigation Company. He said that the name of the vessel was a fitting one, representing as it did one of the great provinces of China with which the trade of the vessel would be concerned. The ship was designed to trade between Bangkok and Swatow, the second largest port in Kwangtung.

A DIVORCE COMEDY

ALL PARTIS CLEARED.



The title of the play: "Kissing."
The principal scene: The London divorce court.

The main characters are:
Edward Vidal, pianist and song composer.

Primrose Vidal, his wife, a concert hall singer.

Dr. Arthur William Wilson, a famous benevolent old physician.

Mr. Vidal asked for divorce, naming the doctor. The doctor and the wife denied the charges. The wife also filed countercharges against her husband.

And after ten days' trial the jury decided that none of the charges and countercharges in the case was true, cleared everybody, and dismissed all the petitions.

The petitioner said they were married when 17. Early in 1915 his wife joined a theatrical touring company with his reluctant consent. He joined the army, and while he was away his wife became ill and was attended by Dr. Wilson.

Mrs. Vidal admitted as to the doctor that:

He called her Rosa.

He often kissed her.

She sat on his knee at a party.

He sent her on a vacation trip and paid the expenses.

He paid for her singing lessons.

He gave her a little ring.

As to the knee incident, Mrs. Vidal said she got up at a party to sing and when she finished

there was no chair for her to sit on.

"So you sat on Dr. Wilson's knee?"

"Yes."

"Why didn't you sit on a woman's knee?"

"It is not usual to sit on a woman's knee, is it?"

That wasn't the only time when the lines reminded one of those spoken in certain comedies.

A witness for the petitioner was telling what he saw in Mrs. Vidal's room which was opposite his home.

"Do you spend your time looking into the room, opposite?"

"That is an offensive suggestion."

"Are the blinds lace or cambric?"

"I am not in the dry goods line. I don't know."

"Was there a dressing table before the window?"

"I don't know. I saw the woman and I didn't look at the furniture."

Even the lawyers in the case insisted upon their little comedy lines. One of the counsels for Dr. Wilson, in his final speech to the jury, said:

"I am not here to say that this old doctor is the most discreet person in the world. If he will excuse my saying so, I think he is about as big a fool as anybody could imagine."

After the company had responded cordially to this toast Mr. Edkins asked them to join him in wishing Mrs. Stephen good luck in all respects. He commented on her good nature in agreeing to come to give the ship a good send-off during the great heat, and, in thanking her, said that we were glad to have her there for her own sake and also as the wife of Mr. Stephen, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, between which institution and the China Navigation Company close relationships had existed for many years. He added that Mrs. Stephen had gracefully launched the good ship "Kwangtung," which he felt sure, with her good wishes, would make for a successful career for many years to come.

Mr. Edkins then asked Mrs. Stephen to accept a small souvenir of the occasion, and those present joined him in wishing her the best of good luck.

The Hon. Mr. Stephen, in replying on behalf of Mrs. Stephen, stated that it had been a great pleasure to his wife to be asked to christen the Kwangtung. It was a new experience for her and she had been very gratified and pleased to take the part she had in launching the Kwangtung. It had always been a pleasure to him to come into touch with the Taikoo Dockyard which he regarded as a testimony

to the enterprise and efficiency of the great Swire firm. What they had seen to-day and what he had ways noticed in the past in his associations with the doings of the firm made him feel that the enterprise of the firm, in conjunction with the thoroughness and good work of their employees, went to make "Taikoo" spell efficiency. He wished them all continued success.

Mr. Edkins then proposed good wishes to the staff of the dockyard to whose care and skill results such as that of the fine vessel they had launched to-day were justly due.

Mr. Reid suitably replied.

The vessel is built to the order of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., for their Bangkok trade, and has two decks, a long combined poop and bridge deck and top gallant fore-castle. Accommodation is provided on the bridge deck amidships for the officers, engineers and first-class passengers. Cabin accommodation is also provided at the after end of the upper deck. The 'tween decks have also been made suitable for carrying passengers. The cargo gear consists of eight steam winches and derricks capable of dealing with weights up to 20 tons. The steam steering gear is of the "Wilson Pirrie" type fitted in house aft and controlled from amidship by tele-motor gear. The cellular double bottom is constructed for the carriage of oil fuel if required and the

fore and after peaks can be used as trimming tanks. The propelling machinery consists of a set of "Brown-Curtis" type of turbines, comprising of H.P. and L.P. turbines combined with astern turbines, driving a single propeller through double reduction gear, capable of maintaining a total combined shaft horse power of 1,600 on ordinary sea service, with the turbines running at 3,500 revolutions per minute and propeller at 102 revolutions per minute. This machinery is supplied with superheated steam from one large multitubular marine boiler at a working pressure of 200 lbs. per square inch. The boiler is fitted so that either coal or fuel oil can be used for generating steam under forced draught on the "Howden" system. The vessel is

also fitted with a "Cochran" donkey boiler and all the latest auxiliary machinery and is lighted by electricity throughout. Messrs. Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., of Glasgow are the builders of the turbines and gearing while the boiler and all appurtenances have been made by the builders of the vessel.

The Kwangchow, sister ship of the Kwangtung, which was launched two months ago, is almost completed and ready for trials. A third vessel of this class is under construction and will be launched shortly. The Taikoo Dockyard are now in a position to undertake construction as well as repairs of turbine machinery in their own workshops, which have recently been extended and equipped for this purpose.

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cognized. No claims will be ad-
mitted after the goods have left
the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents.
Hongkong, 19th Aug., 1921."BOXER" REVIVAL IN THE
NORTH.

A Story From Chihli.

According to private advices
from Tientsin, Chihli, it is report-
ed that a Boxer movement is now
under way between that district
and Honan, called the Tachow
(Society of the Big Knives), says
the Chen Pao, Liu Shih-cheng,
Chan Chien and Chao Lan are
the leaders, who have under them
some 5,000 followers. They
declare that their ultimate object
is "To support the true emperor
and to revenge the disgrace of
1900."They claim that they are
capable of avoiding and resisting
bullets from guns and rifles and
can withstand swords and axes.
Each man is equipped with a
spear 5 feet long, a sword of 2½
feet long and a pair of long awl 1½
feet long.The followers assemble once a
day for imprecating incantations.
The ignorant farmers and inhabi-
tants are greatly excited and a
large number of them have joined
it. A panic is prevailing in the
districts. The local officials have
not yet taken any measures to
suppress them.A ROGUE AND A
VAGABOND.

Charge Fails.

A Chinese, formerly an employee
of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold
Storage Ltd., appeared at the
Magistrate yesterday to answer a
charge of being a rogue and a
vagabond.Mr. T. Oliphant, assistant man-
ager of the Company, said he
was making his usual rounds
early on Sunday morning when he
discovered the defendant washing
himself in one of the cowsheds.
Defendant was formerly in the
employ of the company and had
been discharged a few years pre-
viously. When questioned, he ad-
mitted he had no permission to be
there and witness took him to the
Police Station. The Company had
had a lot of trouble over unauthor-
ized persons frequenting their
premises.Defendant's excuse was that he
went there to look for a job. The
Magistrate (Mr. G. N. Orme) re-
sponded that on the evidence
defendant was only a trespasser.Mr. M. Turner was appeared,
of the Dairy Farm, confessed that
under the Ordinance it was ex-
tremely difficult to take action
against persons found in premises
without permission.The Magistrate told Mr. Turner
that he could draft a by-law and
send it to the legislature. He was
sure they would pass it hurriedly.Mr. Turner said the legislature
might or might not do that. They
might in about three years and
Company wanted to stop this sort
of thing now.The Magistrate said the the-
saurus would be to "drop on"
the employees and hold them
responsible. He didn't think there
was anything to show that this
man was there except as a tres-
passer.Defendant was accordingly cau-
tioned and discharged.HOHENZOLLERN LAW
SUIT.

Custody of Young Prince.

A dispute has arisen in the
House of Hohenzollern concern-
ing the custody of little Prince
Karl Franz Josef, son of the ex-
Kaiser's youngest son Joachim,
who was born in December, 1916.
Prince Joachim's marriage was
dissolved by a decree of divorce
pronounced on the 5th July,
1920, and the custody of the
Prince, the only child of the
marriage, was assigned by agree-
ment between the parties to the
father. Prince Joachim com-
mitted suicide a fortnight later,
on 18th July, at Potsdam, and
the divorce decree never took
legal effect as the marriage was
dissolved by death before the
necessary formalities were com-
pleted. On this ground Prince
Joachim's former wife, Princess
Marie Auguste, born Princess
of Anhalt, now demands
the custody of her son, for whom
the ex-Kaiser had appointed his
second son, Prince Eitel Fried-
rich, as guardian. The question
now is whether the house law
of the royal and princely houses
of Germany still holds as regards
members of such houses. The
mother demands the surrender of
the child as next of kin on the
ground of ordinary law, as the
divorce between her and
Joachim was never effective,
and the agreement made has con-
sequently lapsed. The Hohen-
zollerns mean to contest the case,
which will come in the first in-
stance before the Potsdam Tri-
bunal. It is stated that it will be
fought through all the stages of
the law up to the Supreme Court,
although the litigants are agreed
that the child shall spend the
greater part of the year in any
case with his uncle in Potsdam,
where he is to be educated.

SALARIES AT SHANGHAI.

New Scale.

The acting Secretary of the
Municipal Council, Shanghai, has
addressed the following com-
munication to the Chairman of
the Committee of the Civic
League:I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of July
20, on the subject of Municipal
Salaries, and note that this
matter has been under discussion
by the Committee of the Civic
League, and that, as you believe
the present proposals by the
Council will be acceptable to the
majority of the ratepayers, and
no reasonable objection can be
urged against them, it is not the
intention of the Committee to call
a special meeting of ratepayers
to discuss the matter.With respect, however, to your
suggestion that a popular demand
exists for specific details as to
value of allowances, medical ex-
penses, contribution to expenses
when on leave, contributions
to superannuation fund, etc.,
over and above normal salary
calculated on the various
bases mentioned, I have to
comment as follows:—1.—There are no allowances
which are applicable to all em-
ployees, but certain employees com-
pelled to reside in certain districts,
such as District Inspectors, etc.,
or required to undertake special
duties, such as Slaughterhouse
duty, etc., receive allowances
accordingly ranging from Tls. 10
to Tls. 30 added to their pay
so long as they continue to
perform such duties or reside
in the district allotted to them,
and Extra Pay is also granted
to Assistant Inspectors, etc.,
after passing certain examina-
tions. This Extra Pay, which is
added to the nominal pay of Tls.
15 per annum is really the
equivalent of increased pay as
length of service and efficiency
increase. The form in which it
is given, however (i.e., as Extra
Pay), makes such increases de-
pendent upon actual ability to
pass the prescribed examinations.It seems scarcely requisite,
however, to go at length into all
these details, since they are set
forth in the various Annual Re-
ports, with which, of course, you
are familiar, particularly the
Reports for 1909 and 1910, pp. 294
and 301 respectively.2.—In the case of certain senior
officers, a locomotion allowance of
Tls. 50 per annum is provided inaccordance with the terms of
their engagement and which are
set forth in their respective
agreements.3.—A plain clothes allowance
is given to certain employees
ordinarily entitled to uniform but
who for special reasons are re-
quired to perform their duties in
their own clothes (vide Report
1908: p. 272).4.—A special allowance in
respect of his motor bicycle is
provided for the Superintendent
of Parks, having regard to the
fact that his duties lie in widely
separated parts of the Settlement.5.—Medical Attendance; Under
contract—Tls. 20 per annum is
payable in respect of each em-
ployee and Tls. 30 per annum in
respect of the wives and children
of such employees as are married,
the contract also limits the charge
for operations. Full details of
the contract are set forth in the
Gazette of July 7, 1921.6.—There are no Contributions
to Expenses when on leave
of Absence, but where, as
in two or three cases in
recent years, and employee has
been specially directed to proceed
to Europe to perform certain work
on the Council's behalf, his ex-
penses are, of course, paid; also
when special work, such as
inspections, etc., are required, out
of pocket expenses to and from
the locality are of course paid.7.—Bonuses.—A special bonus
is issued every five years to cer-
tain members of the Revenue
Office in respect of the census
work. No other bonuses are
issued except the language bon-
uses, applicable only to employees
of the outdoor staff, in respect
of which the details appear in the
Gazette of July 14, 1921, on page
273 of the Report for 1908.8.—Contributions to Superan-
nuation Fund.—A compulsory de-
duction of 5 per cent. is made
from the pay of every employee
under agreement, and the Council
adds thereto 10 per cent, the
whole accumulating under certain
fixed rules.Where employees are entitled to
quarters, such as nurses, members
of the Police Force, etc., addition
to the nominal pay is made
of an assessed valuation
of such quarters, for the
purpose of calculating the
Superannuation. This is neces-
sary in order that two employees
of similar grade, one of whom is
entitled to quarters and one not,
shall be entitled to equal benefit.
Theoretically, therefore, employeesentitled to quarters are paid the
assessed value of the quarters,
but pay it back again in the form
of rent. Thus the Superannuation
of both is calculated on the same
basis.A reply to the fourth paragraph
of your letter is impossible. For-
instance the Council cannot tell
what an unmarried employee would
draw in respect of an illness,
which had not taken place, nor
what he would draw in respect of
Chinese study, unless and until
he had passed the requisite ex-
aminations.The supplementary report of
the Salaries Commission on
Superannuation, etc., will be
published in due course.As regards the procedure
adopted in making appointments,
such naturally varies with the
nature of the appointment. New
employees with technical qual-
ifications are as a general
rule engaged from Europe,
but where suitable candidates
are available locally, advan-
tage is taken of the opportunity.
Discretion in making recom-
mendations with respect to ap-
pointments is necessarily left
largely in the hands of the Head
of the Department concerned, but
I may inform you that in the
course of a year, many are tried
and are found wanting.The number of junior appoint-
ments in the Council's service is
limited, and there appears to be
no objection to hold com-
petitive examinations, but I
may assure you that it would
not necessarily follow that the
highest marks would neces-
sarily receive an appointment, as
owing to the conditions obtaining
in Shanghai, it by no means
follows that a high aggregate of
marks denotes the possession of
other requisite qualifications.The Council is of opinion that
the same principle could not be
adopted for Chinese employees.CHINESE DIPLOMATIC
APPOINTMENTS.The Waichiao-pu has appointed
Mr. Chang Tunkai, the Charge
d'Affaires at Berlin, to be First
Secretary of the Legation there
and Mr. Hu Shih-tze and Mr.
Chiang Chow-yu to be Second and
third Secretaries respectively.
Messrs. Kung Teh-hsiang and
Huang Tzu-wu have been ap-
pointed Attaches to the Legation
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A LITTLE GRATITUDE.

After reading the news of disaster here and famine there, of strife and conflict in many places, a present day reader might well lie back and ponder for a while on his extremely good fortune in living in a place like Hongkong. We grumble at the weather and we grumble at this and we grumble at that, but if we turn our thoughts for a while to the sufferings and perplexities of other people we find room for much consolation. Even the discomforts of a Hongkong summer were well described the other day by a cheerful resident as being fifty per cent. psychological. How true that is will be realised after a little contemplation. Here we have plenty of food and clothing, pure water, good sanitation—every comfort, and still there are those who "grouse."

Did our readers note that little telegram we printed yesterday, which emanated from Stockholm and which spoke about the celebrated city of Astrakhan? A Soviet commissary has reported to the Moscow Government that Astrakhan is so full of filth that it is useless to try to fight the cholera which is raging there and he recommends the drastic treatment that the whole of the inhabitants be evacuated to Siberia and that the town be destroyed by fire. To ignore such news as that because the details are unsavoury is to close one's eyes to a very great deal. Astrakhan, a city of over 100,000 inhabitants, is the great market centre of Persia and Transcaucasia, has a population consisting of Russians, Armenians, Tartars and Persians and is a centre of great importance. Composed mainly of wooden houses, this city has been so reduced by lack of enlightened administration, by the ignorance of the people and now by the famine that is raging throughout the whole of eastern Europe that a Soviet official sees no hope of dealing with the ravaging disease of cholera by any means other than that involving the total destruction of the town. Conditions must be pretty bad for that. Anyone who has travelled through Balkan or eastern European towns knows of the primitive sanitation practised, of the general uncleanness of the people and of the ignorance that makes these things possible. Normally, the administrations devote but little time to these things, whilst education from a health point of view is almost non-existent. How much more neglected will matters have been since administrations have ceased to administer but have been engaged in conflicts between themselves or with the peasantry they have sought to bleed? The present conditions are not all due to misfortune; they are largely due to those who have been responsible for the mal-administration of the peoples and territories under their care. In education lies the hope that eastern Europe will yet be able to administer itself. But the immediate need is assistance—assistance in which we could take a part.

Although we sometimes grumble at them, we have to thank our law makers for the blessings we enjoy. Every infringement of the sanitary laws should bear its penalty and every enforcement of them brings its reward. It is because that has been recognised that we have a city so free from disease, and it is because modern sanitation has scarcely been comprehended by the people of whom we were speaking above that they are suffering the trials of pestilence. When we are inclined to grumble and complain we should do well to think of these things.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Home Census.

There has been considerable speculation as to how the Census at Home would pan out, having regard to the unprecedented losses in the great conflict and to the post-war stimulus to emigration. Advocates of an increasing population should feel reassured. The result shows an increase of nearly two millions. True this is only about half the increase shown in the preceding inter-censal period, and is, in fact, the smallest recorded since the early history of Census-taking. Even at that, the rate of growth is likely to be sufficient in the eyes of all but the most pronounced chauvinist. For the heavy fall in the birth-rate during the years 1913-18 there is an obvious reason, and the deficiency is being made up at an increased rate—too rapidly for critics like Dr. Luge, who, formerly a big-population advocate, now figures as an alarmist at the realisation of his pleas. Considering that almost every city shows an increase, it is a matter for surprise that the capital shows a diminution. How comes it that the housing shortage there is so acute? assuredly it is. This decrease applies to the administrative area. Greater London shows an increase. But then Greater London knows no boundaries. Before long the term will become a synonym for half of England.

The Crown Prince Back.

Out at sea the Katori and its companion craft must be passing somewhere about the line of the Colony on the return voyage of the Crown Prince of Japan, who will not stop here this time. His Imperial Highness is expected to reach his native shores on the first of next month, slightly ahead of schedule, after what all accounts represent as a highly successful tour. The Japanese Premier has just acclaimed the innovation in such terms. Nor is there reason to suppose that flattery has been unusually busy. The reports uniformly show the Prince as having displayed an intelligent and agreeable interest in the novel sights that met his view. Indications go to show that one result of this departure from the secluded condition which long characterised the Imperial Household will be to accelerate the "democratisation" of Japan's ruling family, despite the opposition of extreme conservatives. Among the preparations for the welcome to the Crown Prince on his return to Japan is the casting of Commemorative medals, which are to be sold at cost price.

"Dominion Rule" in China.

That indefatigable publicist on China's behalf, Mr. Lancelot Simpson, more familiar perhaps under the pseudonym of "Futsum Weale," has just been telling Chinese students, in effect, that he understands China better than do the Chinese themselves. Such a claim is a big one when applied to any country, and particularly in the case of China. Perhaps Mr. Simpson thinks it is a case of an onlooker seeing most of the game. Born in the Chinese capital and occupying a semi-official relation to the Chinese authorities, he has enjoyed facilities for studying the problem without being directly involved, hence he has had the advantage of being able to view matters with a certain air of detachment. Opinions may differ as to the use he has made of the opportunity, but Mr. Simpson himself is not troubled with any doubts. Addressing some Chinese students in England he declared that, despite the separatist government at Canton, a settlement of the republic's domestic disorders is coming sooner than even the Chinese realise, the true solution following the lines of British Dominion rule, "with a central capital as the national clearing-house." Except that it was called "provincial autonomy" instead of "dominion rule," we believe we have heard something of this kind before. Mr. Simpson is, in sort, a citizen of both Britain and China, and all we can hope is that the prophet will doubly refute the Scriptural maxim.

WATER POLO.

The following will represent the United in a league water-polo match against the H.M.S. "Amaz" on Friday, the 26th inst. at 5.15 p.m. sharp:—A. E. Simmons, G. R. Razavet, J. Leonard, E. W. Railton, G. T. May, D. Laing, A. Botelho.

DAY BY DAY.

NO GRAVEN HEARTED MAN WAS EVER FIT TO BE A CITIZEN. COURAGE IS THE SOURCE OF PATRIOTISM. — Henry Ward Beecher.

Mr. Simpson, signal officer of the Lindsey Moller, reports that a sum of \$170 in notes was stolen from his cabin yesterday whilst the vessel was lying at the Kowloon Docks.

Some excitement was created at Blake Pier yesterday when a Chinese was seen to jump off the Pier. He was rescued by the crew of a launch and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A *suicide*, 17 years of age, who complained yesterday to the police that she had been ill-treated by her mistress, an elderly lady, over eighty years of age, was sent to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

A large number of ex-Hamburg-American and North-German Lloyd officers are appearing in China, says the latest copy of *The Navy* to hand, and the British officers in Chinese ships are wondering what the next move is going to be.

According to a report from Macao, cholera has broken out in that city. It is believed by the health authorities that the cause of it is due to the use of filthy water and steps are now being taken to have this epidemic stamped out at the outset. — *Canton Times*.

A Chinese girl, living at Yu Wah Street, was bitten by a dog yesterday and had to go to Hospital. The animal, which was apparently mad, was destroyed by the police and the carcass subsequently removed to Kennedy Town for examination by the Veterinary Surgeon.

In a storm in the vicinity of Cape Collision Lighthouse yesterday, a Chinese woman, who was fishing from her boat, was struck and killed by lightning. Damage to the extent of \$170 was also done to the vessel. The body was brought back to Hongkong and removed to the Public Mortuary.

A large quantity of raw opium, which filled the capacity of eighteen bags, was discovered in a search made of the Douglas liner *Hailong* on her arrival here from Swatow yesterday. Sergeant Fender who brought off this haul had the drug removed to the Department of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

An incipient fire, apparently caused by a spark from a neighbouring chimney falling among a number of baskets suspended from the roof, occasioned some alarm to the inmates of No. 131 Des Voeux Road West at 6.50 p.m. yesterday. Before the Brigade arrived, the outbreak had been extinguished and peace restored.

It is understood that Admiralty approval has been requested for joint manoeuvres between the China Squadron, the East Indies Squadron and the Royal Australian Navy during the coming winter. This course was recommended by the Conference of Admirals at Singapore, and the presence in London recently of the First Naval member of the Australian Board, Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Grant, has undoubtedly some association with the proposal.

A fatal accident occurred at Yau-mat yesterday. The side of a trench that was being dug in connection with the erection of a new structure, at Parkes Street, caved in and buried two women who were at work therein. When dug out by the police one woman was discovered to have been killed by the collapse, while the other was only slightly injured. The body was subsequently removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

When charged with being in possession of a revolver, a returned emigrant from America, who arrived here by the *Siberia*, Maru entered the usual plea of being ignorant of the regulations of this port. His Worship (Mr. R. E. Lindell) reminded the defendant that police warning passengers to declare their arms to the police on arrival here were posted on every incoming liner. The defendant could not plead ignorance under the circumstances and would have to pay a fine of \$50.

FRENCH MAIL OVER-TURNS.

Another Vessel on Yangtze Bar.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Aug. 23. The stranded French liner *Cordillere*, from Marseilles, overturned this afternoon and probably will be a total loss.

The *Blue Funnel* cargo steamer *Glaucus* is in less danger and may be refloated before another storm arises.

The Norwegian freighter *Henrik*, which is under charter to the Kaikan Mining Administration, is the third vessel aground on the Yangtze Bar. She is loaded with a cargo of coal.

The weather is unsettled. Several tugs and lighters are engaged in salvage work and the salvors are striving desperately to refloat the vessels.

The news of the more serious condition of the steamer *Cordillere* came as a surprise to Mr. R. Rodenfuser, acting-manager of Messageries Maritimes when the above message was shown to him for amplification this morning. The latest advice received by the local office of the company from Shanghai was a message yesterday morning that the vessel had not been refloated at the first attempt to get her clear of the sandbank and it was impossible to say when salvage operations could be started again.

The *Cordillere* is a well-known and popular vessel in the Far Eastern trade, having run out here for five or six years. She was built in France 25 years ago and has a deadweight tonnage of 10,000 tons. This is the first serious accident that has happened to the *Cordillere*, as far as is known in Hongkong.

The *Cordillere* passed through this port last week on her outward voyage from Marseilles with passengers and freight.

The steamer *Glaucus*, which is also ashore, is one of the latest additions to the *Blue Funnel* Line fleet and is on her maiden trip from the United Kingdom.

SHANGHAI NEWS.

Latest by Cable.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, the American Minister to China, was warmly greeted when he arrived at Shanghai by the steamer *Nanking*.

Accidental Death.

The police have established that the death of Mr. Alexander Lang, who plunged to his death from the top story of the Kalee Hotel, was due to an accident.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Need for Care.

It was only a few weeks ago that the reservoirs of the Colony were full to overflowing and there was very little thought about a possible water shortage. But we have had an exceptionally dry season since and the daily rate of consumption has been particularly heavy this summer.

Purely as a precautionary measure the Water Authority has decided that as from Saturday next the supply of water to the Rider Main districts west of Glenalee, Wyndham and Fender Streets would have to be controlled—as was common in the days before the completion of the Taitum Tuk Reservoir. But last night's heavy downpour has saved the Chinese districts from this inconvenience, and no action will be taken, at least for the present.

As indicating the abnormally low rainfall for the time of year it might be pointed out that in yesterday's Observatory Report the rainfall for the year was returned as 73.75 inches against an average of 63.20 inches. It must be remembered that on June 1st the rainfall stood at 43.24 inches against an average of 23.82, and that no fewer than 33.50 inches of rain fell during the month of May. Since that exceptionally heavy fall the rain has been much under the average, June only giving us 16.59 inches, July 12.87 inches and the 24 days of August only yielding 4.80 inches. With the coming of the usual dry season the Water Authority must naturally conserve the stored water, and unless there is a plentiful fall of rain between now and the changing of the seasons there is no doubt that the rider main system will have to be brought into operation throughout the coming winter.

As stated above, last night's rain has staved off the immediate necessity.

GANG ROBBERY.

Scene in Wanchai Last Night.

Pepper for the purpose of blinding their victims was used by a gang of robbers in connection with an attempt they made last night on a flat occupied by a Japanese woman at No. 8 Anton Street, Wanchai.

Details of the attempt were related at the Magistracy this morning when two Chinese were charged. One of them is a house-boy in the service of the complainant, and is alleged to have been hand in glove with the robbers.

Inspector Blackman, prosecuting, said that at 8 o'clock last night three men visited the flat and held a conversation with the house-boy as a result of which the door was flung open and they entered. They rushed to the room where the complainant, a Japanese tailoress named Futabayama, was in her bed, and while two of them pressed her down, the third man threw a liberal quantity of pepper in her face with the intention of putting her out of action. The woman managed to call out to her little daughter, who was also in the room, to procure a police whistle and raise the alarm. The little girl carried out instructions and the robbers were obliged to abandon the attempt and seek safety in flight. They scuttled down the stairs, but were seen and chased by an Indian fireman who happened to be within range of the sound of the police whistle. The robbers made their escape with the exception of the first defendant. When brought to the Police Station and searched this man still retained traces of pepper on his hands. Chinese detectives sent to Anton Street to investigate, reported that they discovered a packet of pepper on the landing, and a coil of rope was also discovered by the Inspector early this morning.

In reply to the Magistrate, Inspector Blackman said he could not ascribe any motive for the attempt except that of theft.

Evidence was given in English by the complainant's daughter. She stated that she was seized by the neck by two men but succeeded in blowing the police whistle. As to the part played by the houseboy in the affair, witness

CHINESE NEWS.

Fighting in Hupeh.

A telegram to hand to-day from Peking states that a Cabinet Meeting has been held with regard to the Hupeh affair a majority of the Ministers being in favour of the capture of the lost territory before any peace negotiations take place.

Reports have reached Shanghai from Hankow stating that Wu Pui-foo's forces, with the help of naval boats, have been successful in their operations along the Yangtze. A large party of the Hunan forces has been cut off from the main force, by the flooding of the country. This was secured by Wu Pui-foo's men breaking down the Ka Yu-ro dyke.

We take the following from the *Canton Times*—

Immediately after promulgating an order for the suppression of gambling throughout the province of Kwangsi, which means a loss of several million dollars to the provincial treasury in the form of licences, Dr. Ma Chun-wu, the newly-appointed Governor of Kwangsi issued another order to the Provincial Assembly instructing it to assemble and draft a provincial constitution for the province, upon which numerous reforms to be introduced will be based.

The machinery used in the new arsenal recently erected at Nanning by the former Warlord Luk Wing-ling which is recognised to be the property of the Arsenal in Canton undoubtedly having been taken by Ma Chi one of the Kwangsi militarists who was director of the Canton Arsenal last year will be removed back to Canton by order of Gen. Chen Chiung-ming. The authorities of the Canton Arsenal have been instructed to send a party of engineers to Nanning to have the machinery dismantled and shipped back to this city.

stated that he stood on the verandah, and watched the struggle but took no active part in it.

Commenting that the offence was a grave one that might have entailed a few years' imprisonment, Mr. G. N. Orme sentenced the elder prisoner to six months' hard labour and remanded the houseboy in police custody until to-morrow.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Janet, she generally has a good browse over the papers of a morning, just between the time our breakfast is through and the hired gang make away with their chow.

There's no much passes her in the way of news, I'm sure our minister's ears must have tingled some time on Monday forenoon for even by the time I got home at night, she still was uncomplimentary every time she thought of it. Women folks are queer with their reading, a pick here and a pick there, just like hens in a backyard, but there's no much that gets by them. They might no' be able to give ye the rights of the Upper Silesian triangle—or tangle, the choice is yours—and the coming Conference at Washington might be a World Convention of Christian Endeavourers for all they care to the contrary. But let Mrs. Alice Grant Smith run a wee bit off the rails or the Tean Tai hatch out a problematical prehistoric city overnight and they're on to it like a bird. They maybe dinna' know what a loose arena means apart from a land sale in the new territory but they have very decided ideas about the writer. They maybe canna' differentiate between Luk Wing-ting and Mong Kok-tai but they do know that them Chinese are aye making a disturbance anyway. The Costa Rica-Parana affair leaves them stone cold but womenfolks the whole world over are wi' Mrs. Winston Churchill in her bereavement. The Russian situation they can understand in terms of cold and hunger but personally they dinna' care a tinker's curse if Lenin should waken up one morning to find his throat cut in four places.

That being so then, ye'd naturally think that womenfolks would take kindly to the thoughts, sayings and writings of their own kind. But they don't. Janet, she settled herself back on her pillow yesterday morning wi' the *Daily Press* in one hand and half a banana in the other. I kept my eye on her for a while, and wondered what she was so quiet over. By and by having disposed of the fruit and having one arm free she turned the page wi' a

snort. I asked her what she'd been reading. "Blethers," says she, and started in to digest the mail notices. When I got to the office I minded the incident and turned up the paper just for the fun o' the thing, only to find a perfectly harmless though somewhat aged bit o' reprint on "The Modern Girl" and what Mrs. Kendal had to say about her.

The fact that Janet sniffed at it was a good sign to me. When a woman—or a man either, for that matter—begins to hark back to the good old days, his brain's on the wane and is slowly petrifying from the shoulders upward. Janet, she doesn't believe in a lot of this new-fangled nonsense and thank goodness she's no' old enough to cease to be broad-minded. When a man's wife begins to travel back to the good-old-used-to-was, she's about as much use about the house as a second-hand gramophone playing a lone scribble record.

The Mrs. Kendals of to-day canna' have things all one way. I notice they dinna' object to fine white porcelain bath-tubs (see Warren's advert); vacuum sweepers (Lane Crawford and Powell's); electric lights (see anywhere); gas geysers (at the old firm) and telephones (see—no, don't unless ye have to). Then there's gramophones (at Anderson's); motor cars (all over the place and you, if ye're no' careful these days); electric irons and sanitary plumbing (Warren's again).

It's a marvel to me that wi' all these things folks dinna' change more than they have. The attitude of those who oppose modern tendencies only makes me feel that they are no longer young. Whether girls wear their skirts long or short makes about as much difference as whether a man parts his hair in the middle or at the side. As a matter of fact, I don't believe that present day morals are higher or lower than they were when Nelson played fig. The way to prevent the world going to the devil is to keep young enough so that you can't see it that way.

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ON THE WATERFRONT.

No Vacancies.

The depression in the freight market is reflected in the dozen or so ships that are being laid up at Samshui anchorage. As many as thirty officers and engineers are out of work as the result. Until better conditions return, one of the engineers says, it is likely that great hardship will result for these men, who see in the present glut very little prospect of a resumption of employment.

Passenger Agent Transferred.

Mr. J. R. Murray, passenger agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at Hongkong has received word of his transfer to the head office of the company in San Francisco. Mr. Murray will leave the Colony on his return to California by the steamer Empire State, which will sail on September 3. Mr. Murray, who has been in Hongkong since the first of the year, was at the Manila branch before coming here.

Soldiers Going Home.

Repatriation of more Czech-Slovak soldiers from Siberia to their homes in the Balkan States is being carried out by a charitable organisation and a draft of about 200 of them will leave Vladivostok in the course of a few days, it was learned this morning. The steamer "China Seas," has been engaged to make the voyage with these penniless soldiers and will pass through Hongkong in about two weeks' time. The Admiral Line, agent for the vessel, had been advised that she will call here on September 11. She will take saloon passengers from Hongkong and other Far Eastern ports for Trieste and Hamburg.

The "China Seas" is the former United States Army transport Crook, and her sale to the Seven Seas Navigation Company of New York was reported a few weeks ago. It was announced that her name would be changed to China Seas, but it is now said that the vessel will retain her name until after the completion of this trip. She underwent overhaul and alterations at Manila to fit her to make the voyage to Europe as a passenger vessel. The date of her departure from this port was originally fixed for today, but she met with delay and she is now fixed to sail on September 12. At the present time the Crook is in the north. She will take a full cargo of beans and flour, etc., from Vladivostok to the Continent.

Many Czech-Slovak soldiers are said to be in Vladivostok even yet. They are without funds to return to their country and they are dependent upon charitable societies for their passages, according to reports. Last year large numbers were repatriated on American steamers, notably on several large liners, formerly owned in Germany and later seized by the American Government. These soldiers worked their way across Russia in a disordered fashion and many fought with the victorious side of the movement. Those remaining now are said to be the stragglers.

Burrumbet Changes Hands.

An old Australian trader—the Burrumbet—has changed hands and now is owned by a Chinese firm. The sale of the vessel to Mr. Lau Yew by Mr. H. M. H. Nemazeo has just been completed and upon the arrival of the vessel at Hongkong next she will be passed over to her latest purchaser.

The Burrumbet is in her thirty-sixth year. She was built by Messrs. Swan and Hunter at Wallsend for Messrs. Huddart,

Parker and Company, the well-known Australian firm, and was a familiar ship in East coast ports. Since her arrival in these waters under the Nemazeo flag she has been engaged in the Saigon-Hongkong run carrying rice mostly, and it is unlikely that she will be removed from this trade by her new owner.

The Burrumbet has a gross tonnage of 2,420 tons. Her dimensions are—Length, 300 feet; breadth, 40.1 feet and depth, 19.7 feet.

Increasing Capital.

A canvass of Chinese merchants in Australia and China is being made by two directors of the China-Australian Mail Steamship Company to secure additional capital, it was learned today. The directors, Messrs. Gock Chiu and Y. T. Quoy, both of Sydney, arrived at Hongkong this morning on the steamer Victoria from Melbourne. The amount of the new capital being asked for was not divulged, but it was said that it will be used to purchase another passenger and cargo steamer for the line to replace the Hwah Ping, which the company had under charter.

The Victoria brought 265 tons of cargo for this port and 50 cabin and 207 steerage passengers. The mail totalled 57 bags. The vessel will return to Australian ports on Monday next, sailing at noon.

No Licences.

Five passenger-boat women were this morning fined \$2 apiece for failing to register their boats and obtain licences.

U.S. AND JAPAN.

General Sato to visit America.

A report that Lieut. General Sato, one of the most famous publicists among the military officers in this country, and the author of the work entitled, "If Japan and America Ever Fight," intends to visit the United States shortly, appears to have aroused considerable attention, reports the *Hochi*, publishing some remarks made by the General in the course of an interview. General Sato is reported to have said:

"It seems that my book 'If Japan and America Ever Fight' has attracted a good deal of attention amongst American critics and publicists. It was not by any means my intention to advocate or encourage an American-Japanese War, but to impress the two peoples with the absolute necessity of making the best efforts for the avoidance of a calamitous war between the two nations. My theory as set forth in the above work is completely endorsed by Prof. Pitkin of Columbia University in his later work published under the title of 'Must We Fight Japan?'"

"I am inclined to believe, however, that if I make a personal visit to America and the Americans for the personal propagation of my theories against an American-Japanese war, the result will surely be worth while. Unlike the theory of American-Japanese friendships so far ventilated by Viscount Shibusawa and other business men from a purely business standpoint, mine are set forth solely from the military standpoint, and will certainly appeal to the American critics with greater effect."

"The date of my departure is not yet fixed, but I hope I shall be able to leave this country towards the end of next month."

The General expects to be accompanied throughout his trip by Mr. Kuwajima, President of the Sun and Stars Association (Nisei Kyokai, an association composed of men interested in military affairs.)

HUNGHUTZE ATTACK ON BRITISH CONSUL.

River Trip Interrupted.

A full account is now available of an attack by Hunghutze on Mr. H. Porter (British Consul at Harbin).

In the evening, at about 6.30, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Porter and Mr. Hankey were attacked by Hunghutze during a trip down-river.

Before leaving Harbin the Consul informed the Chinese authorities that he intended to start on a trip down-river and would pass the night near a village some 60 versts from Harbin. The village has a Chinese garrison. Just before reaching post N. 34 the boat met a small Chinese steamer which, it appeared subsequently, had just been fired at by Hunghutze. A few minutes later it began to rain, and the passengers of the boat started to pack their belongings into the cabin. Soon a shot was fired, closely followed by a violent fusillade. Happily nobody was touched on the boat, as all had time to lie down on the floor. One of the bullets struck the engine, which stopped working.

The boat then drifted to the side of some junks, which were standing along the shore. The moment the boat struck the junks, some ruffians, armed with rifles and wearing broad scarlet sashes, attacked it. As they approached, some of them continued firing. The Chinese mechanic of the motor-boat then stepped out and began conversing with the brigands. The passengers of the boat were ordered to get out on the junk and stand aside in the rain while the boat was being searched. Rifles were levelled at them all the time.

A long conversation ensued, from which Mr. Porter gathered that some of the brigands were in favour of shooting them and others wanted to take them as hostages. By this time the search was accomplished. Some bundles of clothing were taken and some money.

The presence of mind of the mechanic went far towards saving the situation, for he managed to persuade the brigands that the passengers of the boat occupied no important position, and consequently nothing could be gained from taking them as hostages. The brigands then wanted to take the boat, but the mechanic showed them that the engine was broken, and they thought better of it.

Finally, after some dispute, they left the boat and went to their horses, which were hidden behind hay-stacks. There were sixteen brigands in all.

By this time it was 10.30 p.m. and the rain was still falling heavily. When the Hunghutze disappeared the crews of the junks crept out of their hiding-places. Some of them had been robbed twice during that day. As the Hunghutze might have returned at any moment it was decided to keep the boat anchored for a while and then get one of the junks to tow her. Late at night the Hunghutze returned, crossed the river and for some time remained at the ferry, evidently watching the boat. The suspense lasted all through the night. Early in the morning a junk proceeded to tow the boat, but for quite a long time it could not move it against the strong current and wind. Every moment the passengers were expecting the brigands to open fire again, but finally they managed to get away, apparently unnoticed.

Later in the day Mr. Hankey managed to get the engine working and the boat reached the town late in the afternoon.

Judging by the fact that a detachment of Chinese troops was sent in search of these Hunghutze up-river instead of down-river, the brigands will easily escape.

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SHOOTING AFFRAY IN BRITISH CONCESSION.

Chinese Constable Seriously Wounded at Hankow.

Considerable excitement was caused in neighbourhood of the Chinese Post Office, British Concession, Hankow, shortly before ten o'clock on the morning of the 13th inst., by the sound of a revolver shot in the street and the discovery that a Chinese police constable had been seriously wounded.

It appears that a few minutes previous to the tragedy the police constable, who was on duty in the Taiping Road, had stopped and searched a Chinese who appeared to him suspicious and who had just come through the gateway from the Chinese City. The search resulted in the finding of a revolver on this man for which possession the constable immediately arrested him, failing, however, to remove the firearm from him. The arrestee and the arrested then proceeded to walk along the Tungting Road in the direction of the British Municipal Police Station, when, at the corner of Tungting and Ewo Roads, the latter suddenly pulled out his revolver and shot the policeman through the stomach, forthwith making his escape into one of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co's godowns.

No time was lost in the pursuit of the escaped criminal; a large party of police were quickly on the scene, and a cordon was formed around the block of buildings into which he had been seen to disappear. He was several times sighted by members of the search party, but he always managed to evade them and finally, it is thought that he managed to get away over the roof of one of the houses in the block.

Meanwhile the police constable was removed to the Roman Catholic Hospital, where it was found that the bullet had penetrated his body and passed out at the back. Although the wound is serious, it is reported that the unfortunate policeman is progressing favourably as possible and hopes are entertained of his recovery. The bullet which had inflicted the injury—of 32 calibre—was also the shell from which it was fired was subsequently found in the street.

A reward is offered for information leading to the capture of the criminal, but so far no clue to his whereabouts has been received.

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"I am an ex-soldier and out of work, but I won't lower myself to take unemployment pay," said a defendant in a possession case at Clerkenwell County Court yesterday.

WIRELESS CONTROL.

A Non-Technical Description.

The experiments in wireless control of the old U.S.S. *Albatross* during the past few weeks have aroused considerable interest everywhere, apart from the dramatic interest attaching to her use as a prey for scouting aircraft. Many people find it impossible to realise how a big ship can be left at large in mid-ocean without a living soul on board, and yet steam at high speed and be steered at will from a wireless apparatus in a ship a great distance away. It may therefore be interesting to give, in as non-technical a form as possible, a brief description of what happens in the deserted ship, basing the account on such official information as is available.

When everything is ready the main engine is started up by the engineering staff and left running very slowly. Then everyone leaves the ship. A wireless signal is sent from the controlling ship and is picked up by the receiver in the empty ship. It is automatically amplified and operates a very sensitive switch which in turn operates a larger switch. This closes an electrical circuit which operates a valve to admit compressed air to the throttle control of the main engines. This opens the throttle and the ship works up to high speed.

So with the steering gear. Another signal is received by a commutator and according to the nature of the signal, the throttle valve of the steam engine which moves the rudder is affected, to swing the ship to port or to starboard. In addition to this, however, a wireless signal can be sent to the empty ship to put the gyro-compass in control of the ship's movements, and she will then hold her course.

Stopping the ship is equally simple. A long signal, lasting ten seconds, is picked up by the wireless gear, amplified, and operates a pneumatic valve which shuts off the various fuel-oil and water-feed pumps. The furnaces die down, the steam is used up, and the ship comes to rest. There is also a safety device to stop the ship automatically if the wireless control fails for any reason. It is a time-clock, which comes into operation if no wireless signals are received within a given space of time. It automatically shuts down everything if no wireless signals are received from the controlling ship in a certain number of minutes.

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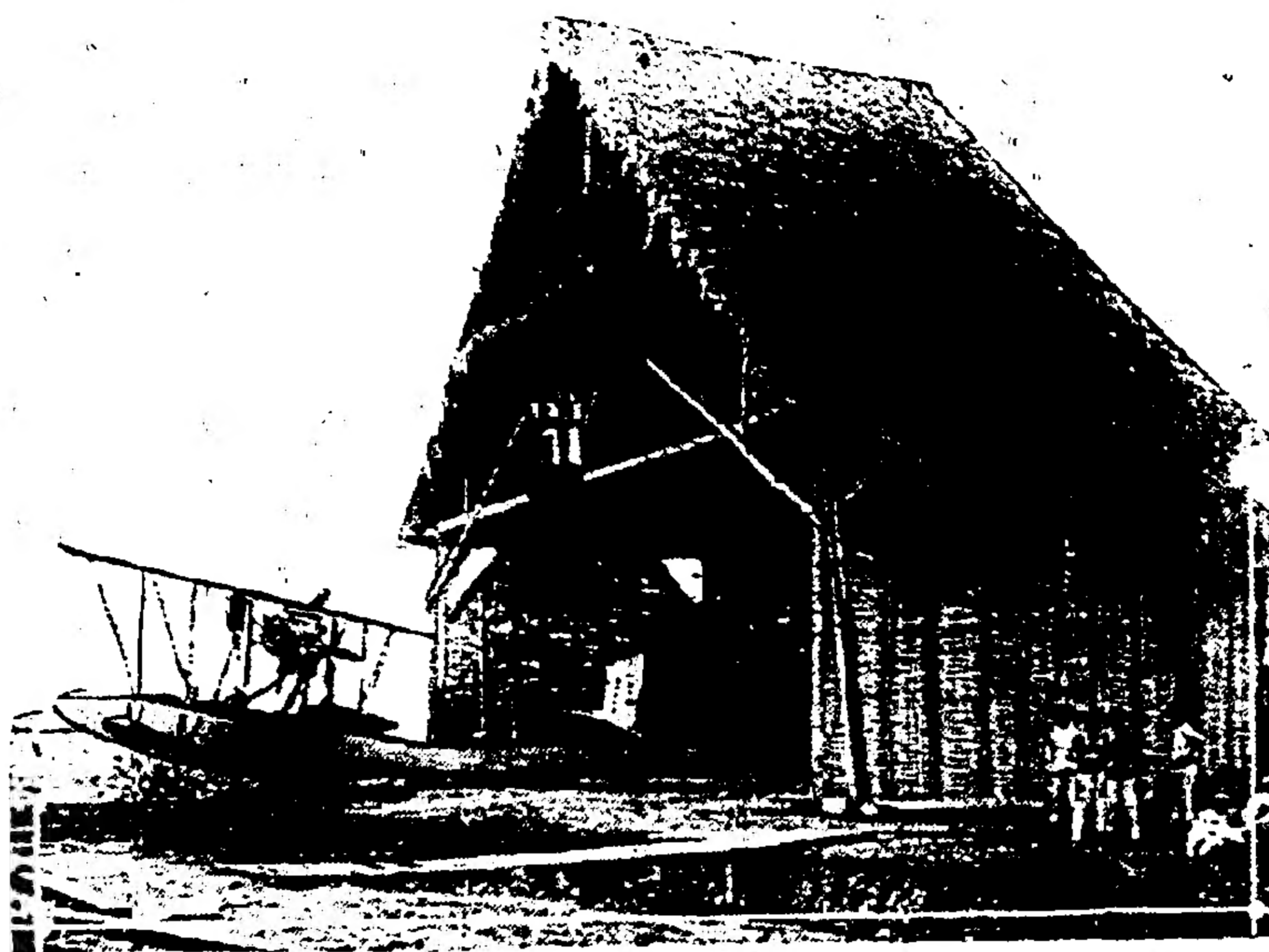
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CAMERA NEWS



Double dive executed by amateur divers at Highgate, England. By the time they hit the water their bodies will be straightened out in a line.



One of the planes in a primitive hangar on the bank of the Maroni river.

A French company has started an aero line to link Gayenne, the capital town of French Guyane, with the gold fields of Maroni of South Africa. The distance is but 267 kilometers, but the country is covered with virgin forests, and the journey ordinarily takes a week by land and sea, whereas the airplanes have made the trip in two hours.



The huge fellow, a sturgeon 13 feet long, weighing 988 pounds was caught at New Westminster, B. C.

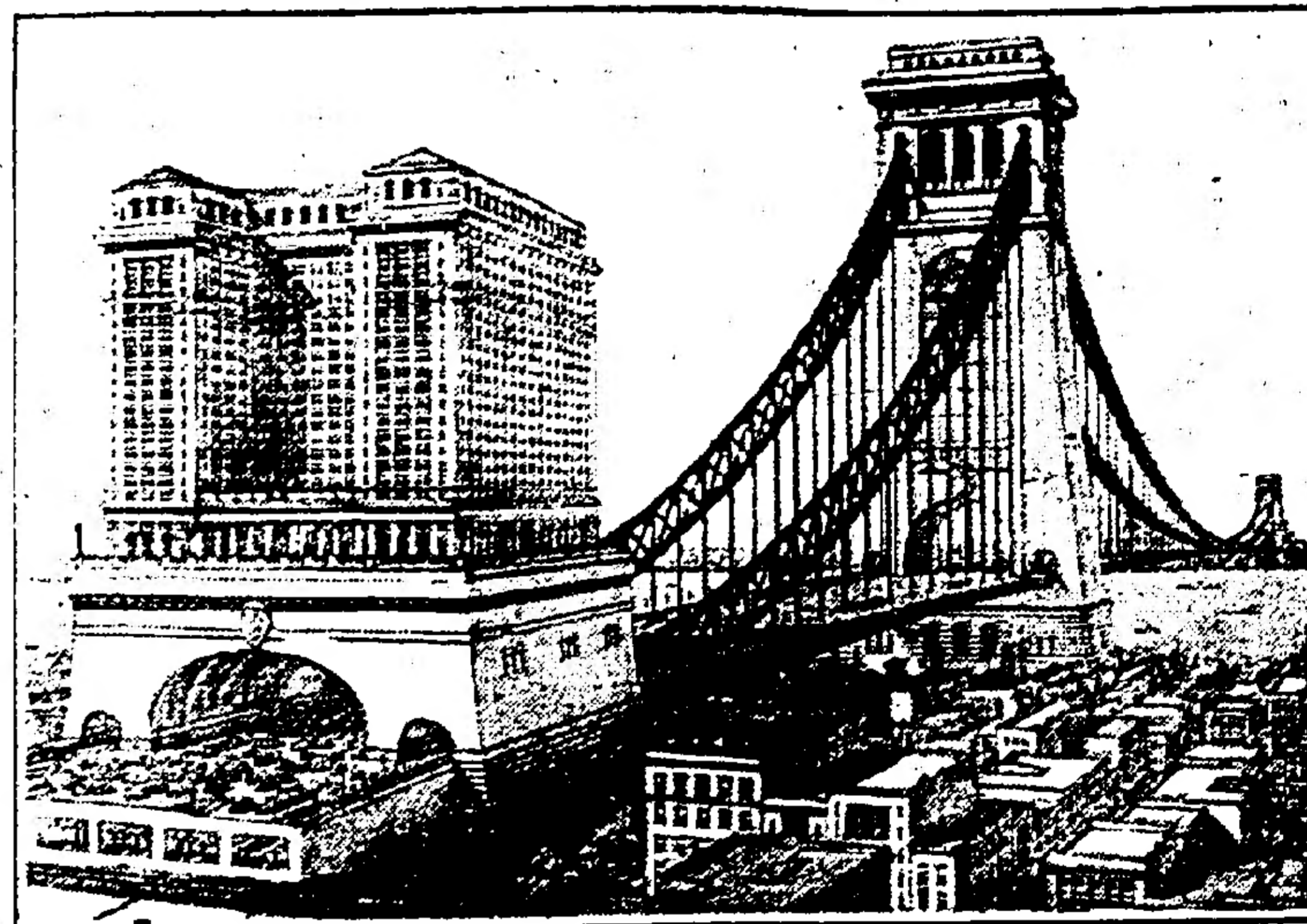
Here's that big one that got away—the one all fishermen mournfully talk about when they bring in the small fry. All but one!



M. G. Lutwinoff, agent of the Russian Soviet government, at his desk in Berlin. He is to build up trade between Germany and Russia.



A new picture of A. D. Lasker, new head of the U.S. Shipping Board.

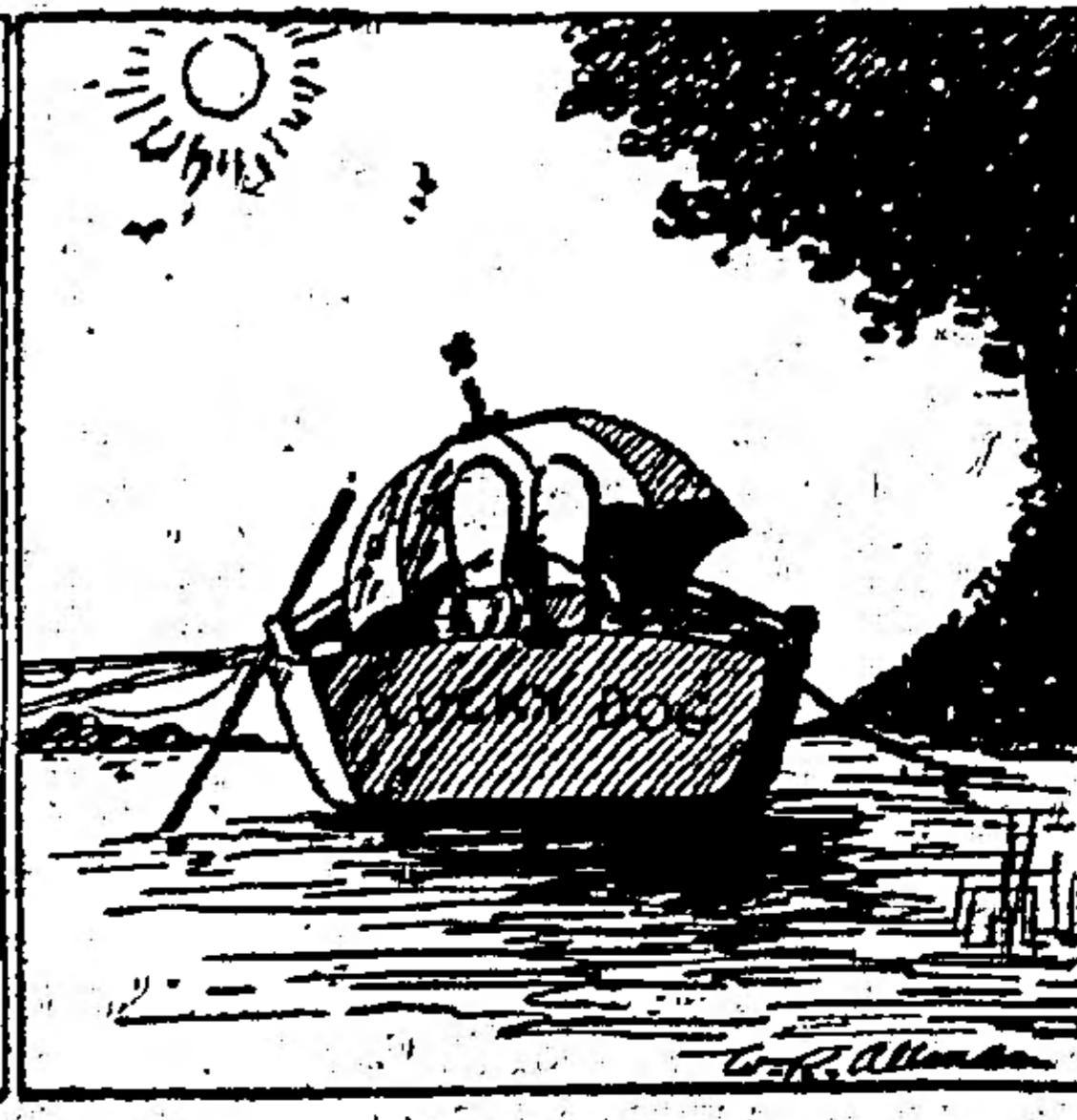
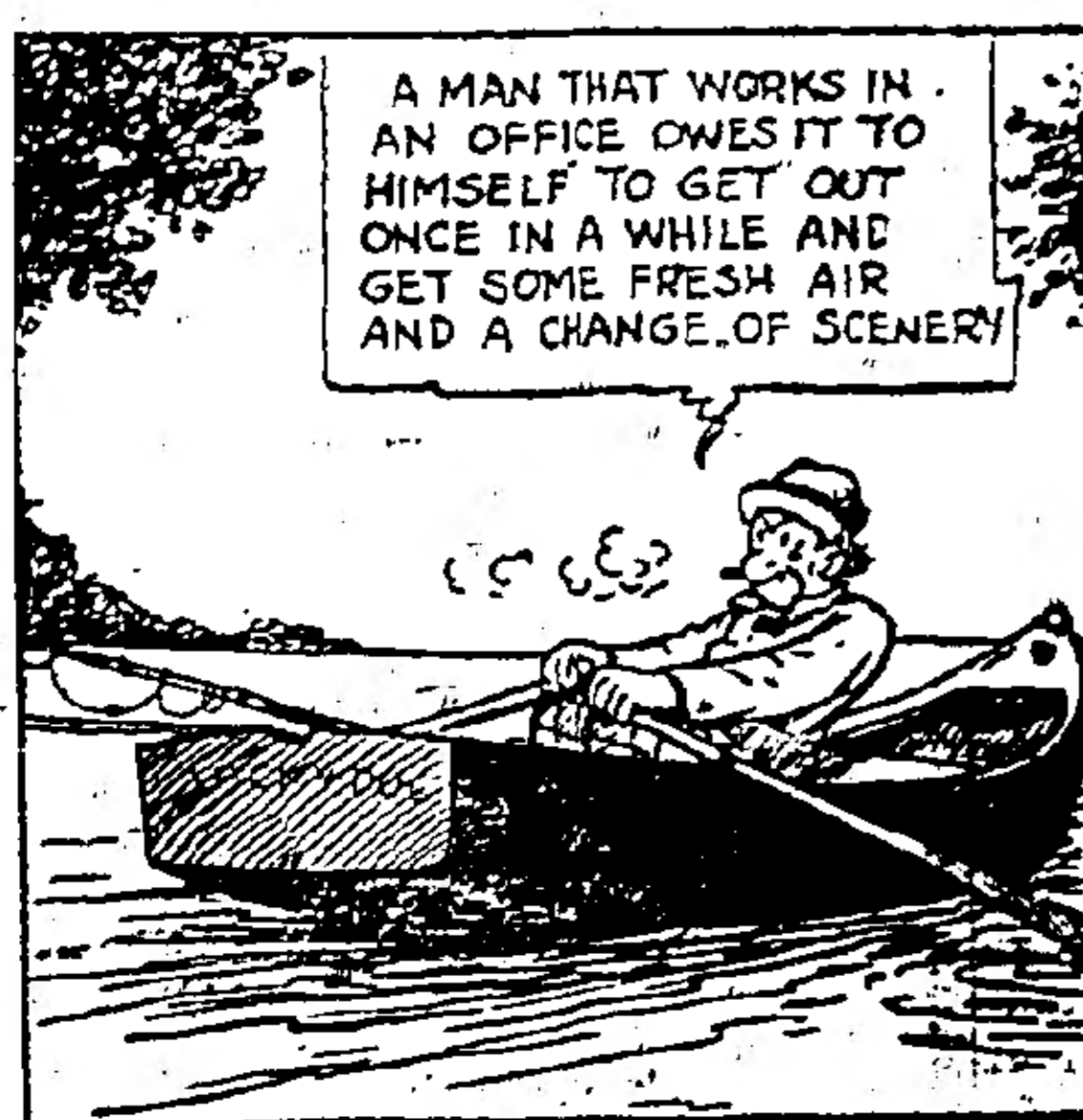


This is how the world's largest bridge will look when completed. It is to connect New York City with New Jersey, running from 57th street, New York, to Weehawken. An office building, 350 by 400 feet, will be built as shown on the New York end. Vehicles will pass through a span 135 feet wide and 60 high. Two side arches for pedestrians and trolley cars will be 45 feet wide. On a lower deck will be 12 railroad tracks.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

SINO-GERMAN TRADE.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has sanctioned the use of the original registration of German trade-marks. The Special Property Administration Bureau in Peking and provincial areas will be abolished on August 30th.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

When the Chafoo-Weihsien road is completed, the Ministry of Communications intends to operate a motor service over the highway. The Ministry also contemplates linking the two places by railway. A proposal is afoot to construct a first-class road between Chengtu and Chungking, and a motor service is being organised in anticipation of its completion.

CANTON DYE TRADE.

The increase in value under artificial dyes of Hk. 115,653,000 shows how very much the colours were needed, and the market would have been much brisker had inter-cine strife not made dealers inland hesitate with forward contracts. Practically all imported dyes are German, though those from the United States supplied most of the local demand. Canton Trade Report, 1920.

RAILWAY EXTENSION.

The Tsenchiatun-Paiyintala extension of the Ssupingchieh-Taonan Railway is provisionally expected to be opened for traffic in November. The section has been divided into three subsections, and the rails are now being laid. It is 72 miles in length as against 50 miles of the Ssupingchieh-Tsenchiatun section, and the area which it traverses is level country.

MINING IN SWATOW.

There was little development in the mining industry during the year. Bismuth is being worked in the Kityang district. The wolframite mines in this locality, also at Hingling and Puning, stopped production, on account of the low selling price of the ore. Lead ore (lead carbonate) has been found at Chengping but the mine is still in the prospecting stage. Sincere Trade Report, 1920.

COAL-MINING IN CHINA.

Report of a special commission in charge of the investigation of coal deposits in Turkistan, estimates the quantity of coal at 25 billion pounds. There are said to be seven hundred separate coal deposits, some of which can be easily worked. The average thickness of the deposits is seventeen feet. The Pui Piao Coal Mining Co. originally worked under the auspices of the Peking-Mukden Railway Administration, has been transferred to a semi-official enterprise at the instance of the ex-Minister of Communications, Yeh Kung-cho. Ting Hou-chia and Ting Wen-kiang have been given charge of the Preparation Bureau, which is raising subscriptions preparatory to the inauguration of the company. The Vice-chairman of the Peking Chamber of Commerce, Yin Hai-yang has raised sufficient money to operate the coal mine at Pingshan near Shanchiatun (Peking). The company is to be known as the "Tientseng Co."



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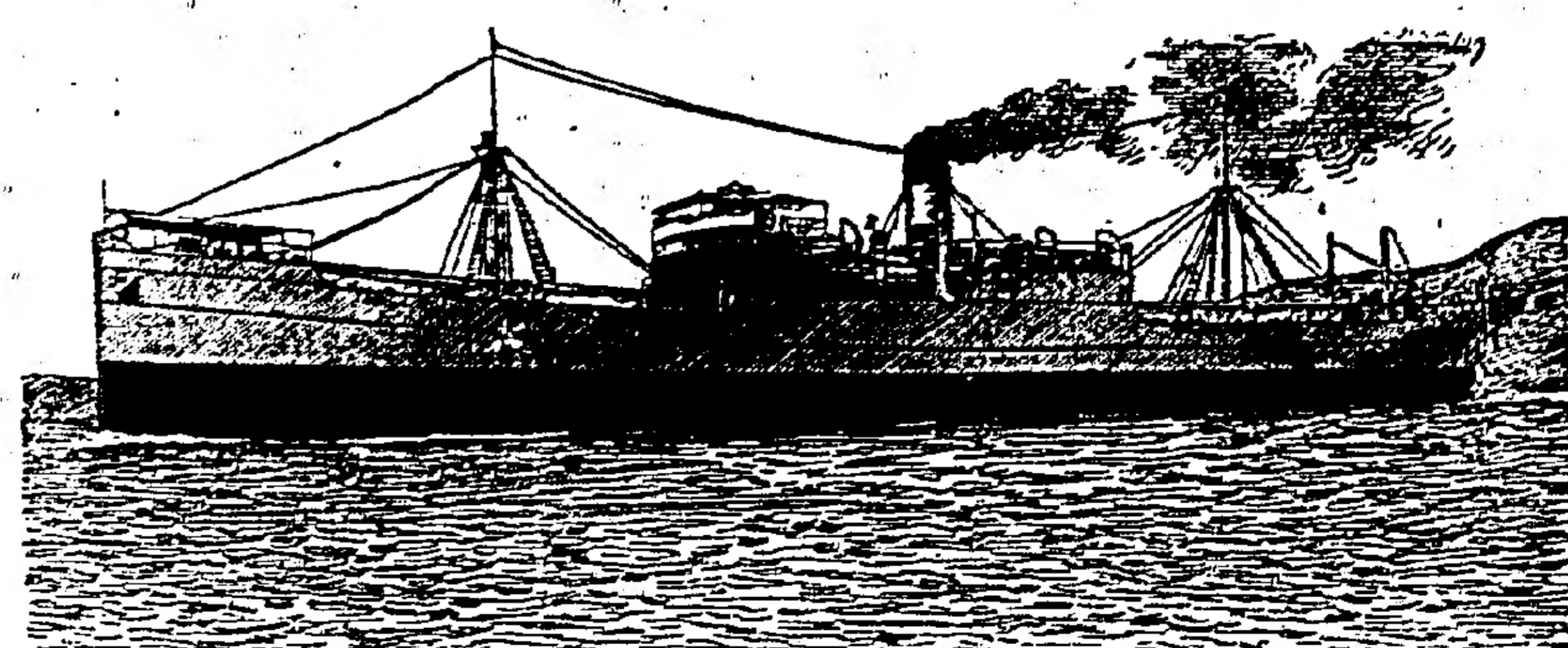
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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	Port
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Tjitaroen	Japan	4th Sept.	8th Sept.	Java
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SAILING (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamer	Arrives Hongkong from Australia	Leaves Hongkong for Australia
TAIWAN	24th Aug.	30th Aug. at 4 p.m.
CHANGSHA	15th Sept.	15th September.

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JAPAN, CHINA & STRAITS

TO
UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT.

Steamers	Sailing
London, Rotterdam Hamburg	Sandon Hall 19th Sept.
London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & G'gen, Kentucky	11th Oct.

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OUTWARDS.

Vessel	Due Hongkong.
M.V. "GLENARA" ...	27th Aug.
"GLENAPP" ...	15th Sept.
"CARNARVONSHIRE" ...	10th Oct.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
M.V. "GLENARA" ...	3rd Sept.	GENOA, LONDON, HAMBURG & H'BURG
"GLENAPP" ...	6th Sept.	GLASGOW, LONDON & ROTTERDAM
"GLENARA" ...	25th Sept.	GENOA, LONDON, H'BURG & HULL
"GLENARIFE" ...	26th Sept.	GLASGOW & ROTTERDAM

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Tel. 3307. 113, Connaught Road Central.

COASTAL SHIPPING.

INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
MANILA	Yuenyang	Fri. 26th Aug. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Yannis	Sat. 27th Aug. at noon.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Y'shing	Sat. 27th Aug. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI & Tsingtau	Choyang	Sun. 28th Aug. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwongyang	Mon. 29th Aug. at noon.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Talsang	Tues. 30th Aug. at 8 a.m.
TIENSIN	Chipsing	Tues. 30th Aug. at noon.

CALCUTTA LINE—This line now affords regular sailings to Calcutta, Penang and Singapore; Return, from Calcutta steamers proceed via Straits and Hongkong to Japan occasionally calling at Shanghai.

All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with Electric Light & Fans and carry a fully qualified Surgeon.

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MANILA LINE—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every Friday.

HAIPHONG LINE—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Hoihow when inducement offers.

BORNEO LINE—Fortnightly sailings to and from Sandakan by two 5,000 ton steamers s.s. "HINSANG" & s.s. "YANNIS" both steamers having excellent passenger accommodation. Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kudat, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and Lahad Datu.

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BANGKOK LINE—A weekly service is provided between Hongkong and Bangkok, via Swatow, by four steamers fitted with up-to-date passenger accommodation.

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S.S. "YATSHING" will be despatched on or about Saturday, 27th Aug., at 3 p.m. for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
AMOY & SHANGHAI	Sanning	26th Aug. at d'light.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Suiyang	28th Aug. at d'light.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Chinhua	28th Aug. at 10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO, NEW CHOW & TIENSIN	Kueichow	28th Aug. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Shanlung	29th Aug. at 3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Chengtu	30th Aug. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sinklang	30th Aug. at noon.
H'HOW, PHOI & H'PHONG	Kaifong	1st Sept. at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sochow	1st Sept. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Chenan	3rd Sept. at 4 p.m.

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For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow and Returns, (Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

Steamships.	Captain.	Leaving.
Hailong	W. Couper	FRI. 26th Aug. at 3 p.m.
Haihong	W. C. Parmore	TUES. 30th Aug. at 2 p.m.
Haiching	A. H. Stewart	FRI. 2nd Sept. at 2 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

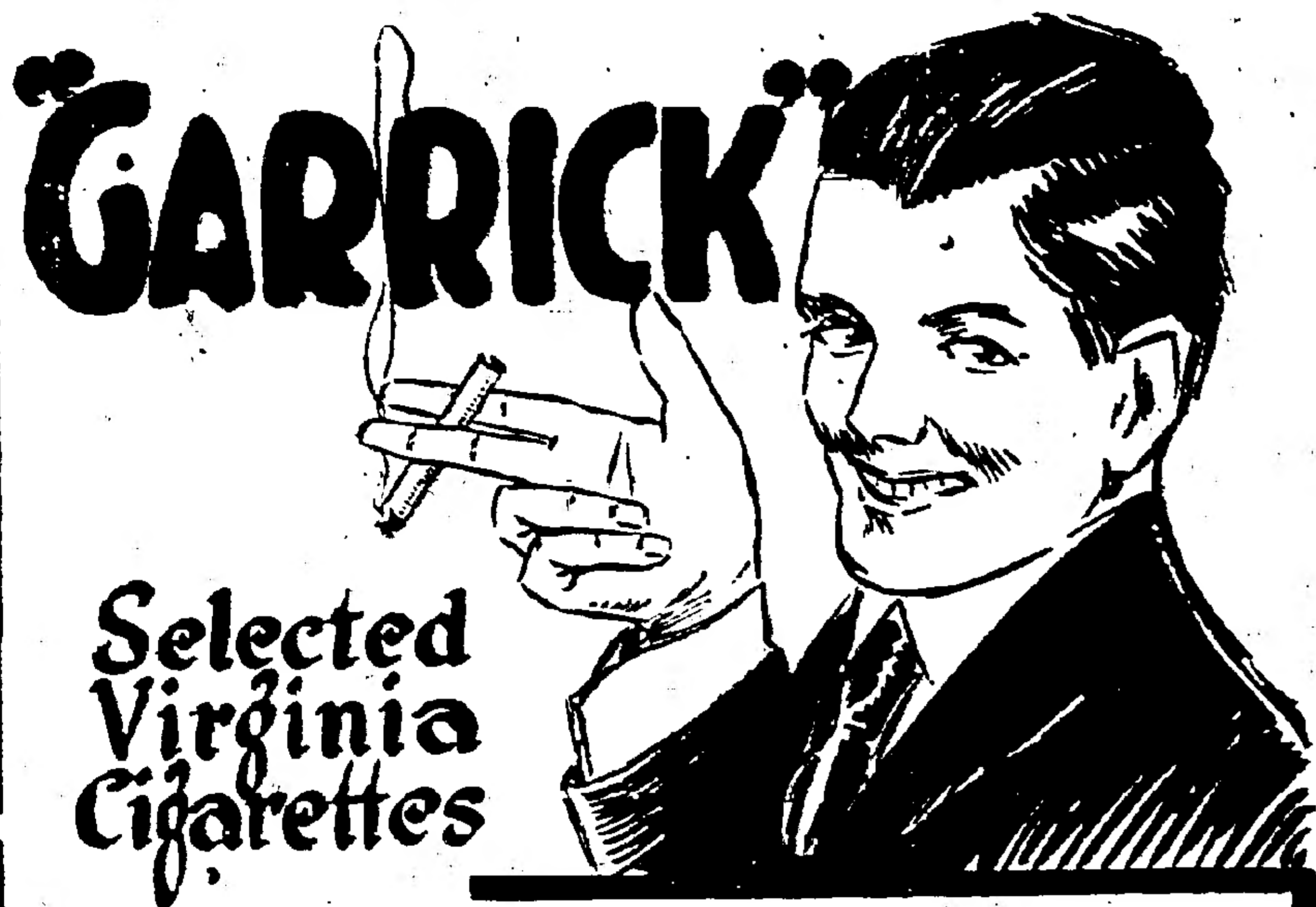
A report from Harbin states that the Merkuloft have sold the remaining ships of the Russian Volunteer Fleet to the Paris Office of the Fleet, which is now a French concern; the reactionary officers of the Fleet having surrendered it to the French. Mr. Kompagnon, the late manager of the Vladivostok Office of the Volunteer Fleet, has left Vladivostok for abroad. Merkuloft also is delaying the payment of wages to the workers, as money is lacking for the payment of the Kappelst forces, who must be satisfied first.

THE EUROPEAN RUN.

Large-sized ships are being sought for very enthusiastically, with the increase of business on the European run. The freight rate on cereals from Dairen to Europe has advanced by 13s. to 70s. in a week or more, through the scarcity of ships. Europe not only seeks supplies of food-stuffs in the Far East, but is now positively purchasing in North America and India, with the result that Japanese ships are in considerable demand. The Kokusai Kisen Kaisha and the Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha have placed several ships on the American-European line for the transportation of wheat. The Taiyo Kisen Kaisha also appears to be dispatching several vessels to the same line. All these ships, after disembarking at their destinations in Europe, seem to be scheduled to leave for India, carrying coal.

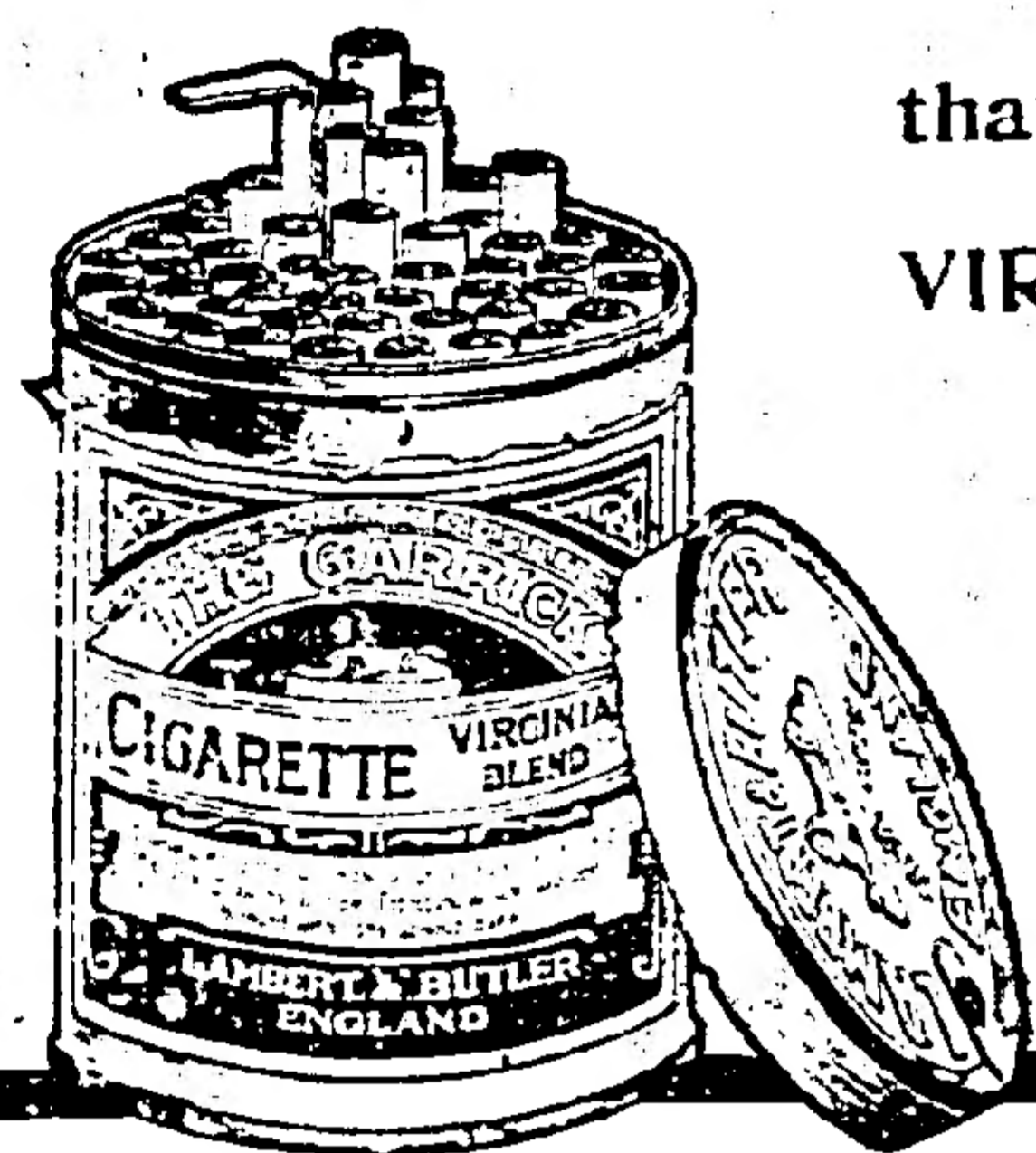
A PROFIT-SHARING DOCKYARD.According to a Nagoya dispatch to the *Mainichi*, Mr. Masumoto, who represented Japanese Labour interests at the International Labour Conference at Washington, has a novel project under contemplation for establishing a dockyard in that city, in which all the workers can share in the profits of the yard as its shareholders. Mr. Masumoto holds that nothing short of the elimination of the two hostile classes of Capital and Labour can solve the labour disputes which have been arising with uncomfortable frequency in Japan of late. His new scheme is an attempt to carry his ideal into execution. It is said that the prefectural authorities are favourably inclined towards his enterprise, and are likely to give it their support, though in some quarters among the Nagoya citizens his project is ridiculed as impracticable, especially at the present time when depression prevails in shipping circles. More details are necessary. Mr. Masumoto has had practical experience in British dockyards, and he is acquainted with profit-sharing schemes.**OCEAN TRADE MOVEMENTS.**Concerning the conditions of the principal shipping lines, the *Jiji* states that Japanese exports of drygoods to Europe, though they are still depressed, have improved to a certain extent. There have been some inquiries for the exportation of beans and oils from Dairen and Shanghai, while there seems to be a certain scarcity of bottoms. On the homeward voyage, some shipments are also being carried. Things have become better at large on the North American line since July. From Calcutta are exported quantities of rattan goods, from Manila hemp, and from Japan peanuts. However Japan's exports of tea are small, a fact that is worthy of special attention. On the homeward voyage there is timber, wheat, flour etc. in abundance, owing to the decline in the Pacific freight rates and in the price of American iron. The Australian route to Europe is not doing well, the only shipments being foodstuffs. Exports from Japan to Australia find themselves in a especially difficult position in competition with British goods, and it will be imperative that cargoes should confine themselves to small bulk until the wool trade recovers. The homeward run enjoys some shipments of tallow, sulphate of ammonia, flour, cattle, etc. Affected by the decline in the prices of commodities in America, the westward New York line has not yet been freed from its depression. Exports of rice and bamboo ware from Hongkong, coconut oil from Manila, and sugar from Java, are all in a state of depression. Business is, also bad on the homeward run. The eastward line to New York is a little more reassuring than the westward, the last movement of sugar, rice, tea, etc. being satisfactory. It seems that it is difficult to secure sufficient cargoes in New York for the homeward voyage, but it is believed that shipments of raw cotton from the southern ports will suffice.

NOTICES.



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" £35 paid n.	435
Bk. of E. Asia b.	152
Marine Insurances.	
Cantons b.	405
North China n.	153
Unions n.	330
Yangtze b.	242 1/2
Far Eastern b.	224
Fire Insurances.	
China Fire b.	122
H. K. Fire b.	325
Shipping.	
Douglases b.	56
H.K. Steamboats b.	253 1/2
Indes (Pref.) b.	33
Indo Def. Lon/Reg. n.	292 1/2
Indo Def. H.K. Reg. n.	287 1/2
Shells b.	96 1/2
Ferries n.	29 1/2
Refineries.	
Sugars n.	186
Malabona n.	55
Mining.	
Kallana b.	85/-
Langkate b.	10 1/2
Shanghai Loans n.	10 1/2
Shai Explorations b.	\$1
Rancho b.	22/-
Tronchs b.	18/-
Ural Caspians s.	18/-
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves b.	90 1/2
K. Docks b.	189 1/2
Shai Docks n.	123
N. Engineerings b	12.15 to 12.14
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
Centrals b.	140
H.K. Hotels n.	218
H.K. Lands n.	20.1
H. phreys Est. b.	10.10
L'loon Lands b.	40
L. Reclamations b.	130
West Points b.	51

Cotton Mills.

Ewas b. ex div. 23 1/2	
Kung Yik b.	
Lau Kung Mow b.	
Oriental b.	17
Shai Cottons n. ex div. 135	
Yangtzeopos b.	
Miscellaneous.	
Cements b. 16.10 to 16.20/30	
China Light old b.	11.10
Do. Light new b.	11
China Providents s.	12
Dairy Farms n.	26 1/2
Electric H.K. b.	23 1/2
Electric Macao b.	22
Hongkong Ropes b.	24
Hk. Tramways n. ex div. 13.10	
Peak Trams, old n.	9
Do. new n.	1
Steam Laundries b.	8.60
Steel Foundries b.	10 1/2
Water-boat n.	16
Watsons b.	8.10
Wm. Powells b.	18
Wisemans b. ex rta. cum div. 31	
do New issue b.	25
Hongkong, Aug. 25, 1921.	

JAPAN PREPARING FOR THE
CROWN PRINCE.

As the date for the return of the Crown Prince draws nearer, preparations are well under way for his reception by the different groups of authorities and public bodies. On the day of his return the Tokyo Station will be brilliantly decorated, and the entire route from the station to the Prince's Palace will be made bright with flags, greens, streamers and banners. The Imperial Squadron will be received off Formosa by the combined fleet of the Imperial Navy, which is expected to complete its season's manoeuvres by the time the Katori and Kashima reach the Kiushu seas. The Osaka Mint is now busily engaged in casting commemorative medals which will be sold to the general public at cost price.

EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.)

SELLING.

1/2 T Shanghai 2/8 1/2

1/2 T Singapore 2/8 1/2

1/2 T Japan 103 1/2

1/2 T India 194

1/2 T San Francisco 50

1/2 T Java 159 1/2

1/2 T Marks 6.45

1/2 T France 7.25

1/2 T Demand, Paris 7.25

1/2 T Demand, Germany 50 1/2

1/2 T Demand, New York 104

1/2 T Demand, Bombay 194

1/2 T Demand, Calcutta 194

1/2 T Demand, Singapore 10 1/2

1/2 T Demand, Manila 108.106

1/2 T Demand, Batavia 159 1/2

1/2 T Demand, Haiphong 159 1/2

1/2 T Demand, Saigon 76 1/2

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RIVER LEVELS.

As a guide to shipmasters and others interested in the water levels of the river we have been requested by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung to publish the following table of water levels. The levels are taken at 10 a.m. each day.

Place of Observation	Highest W.L. ever recorded Feet	Lowest W.L. ever recorded Feet	1921	
			Aug. 25	Aug. 24
Wuchow, West River	+79.50	-2.42	31.80	—
Kongmoon, "	+14.70	-0.50	5.60	5.70
Linkongchow, North "	+57.00	0	7.80	7.00
Samshui, "	+27.25	-5.80	8.30	8.10
Sheklung, East "	+15.15	-0.98	1.05	0.72

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 min.
8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	" " " "
9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	" " " "
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	" " " "
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon	" " " "
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	" " " "
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	" " " "
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	" " " "
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	" " " "
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	" " " "

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. 20 minutes

11.45 p.m.

SATURDAYS.

EXTRA CAR 12.00 midnight.

SUNDAYS.

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SPECIAL CARS.

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE COMPANY'S OFFICE.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS 205 VICTORIA ROAD.

TIDE TABLE.

22nd to 28th Aug., 1921.

Day	Time	High Water		Low Water	
		Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time
Mon. 22	11 44	6.4	5.8	5.8	2.6
Tue. 23	11 44	6.4	5.8	5.8	2.7
Wed. 24	0 9	5.8	5.2	5.2	2.5
Thurs. 25	0 9	5.8	5.2	5.2	2.5
Fri. 26	1 34	5.9	5.3	5.3	2.4
Sat. 27	2 42	6.1	5.5	5.5	2.4
Sun. 28	4 56	6.1	5.5	5.5	2.5
	6 11	6.2	5.6	5.6	2.5

m morning; a afternoon

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"NEVER TOO OLD"

WEATHER REPORT.

August 25d. 11h. 35m.—Pressure has increased slightly over Formosa, the Philippines, Indo-China and S.E. China. A shallow depression is shown over S.W. China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 2.05 inches. Total since January 1st, 75.81 inches, against an average of 63.61 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap	S.E. winds, light to moderate; moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamooka.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan.	The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H.K. Observatory, Aug. 25, 1921.

TIME SIGNALS.

The time ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. only.

When the ball is hoisted half mast at the 55th minute and full mast at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time, it will be lowered at five minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour, if possible.

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Should the time ball be out of order the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z", on the storm signal mast.

Time signals are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 5h. 56m. 0s. to 9h. 0m. 0s. p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds, except at the 2nd, 28th, 50th, 52nd, and 54th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard Time (8 hours of east Greenwich).

METEOROLOGICAL.

Barometer	29.63	29.70	29.71
Temperature	85	77	76
Humidity	75	93	92
Wind Direction	SSW	NNW	CALM
Wind Force	2	1	0
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.27	0.00	2.53
Highest open air			
Temperature on the 24th	86		
Lowest open air			
Temperature on the 25th	76		

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

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